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CHANG DEAD.

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM MUKDEN.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

Foreign Consul-General Is Informed of Demise.

CHINESE FLAGS AT HALF MAST.

Suspicion that Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian warlord and for some time the Dictator of Peking, is dead are confirmed officially by a Foreign Consul officer in Mukden, the capital of Manchuria. Flags are flying at half-mast and, in spite of denials hitherto, it is stated laconically that the funeral is to take place to-morrow.

A new position is created along the Upper Yangtze, adding to the prestige of the Nationalist Government. General Yang Sen is being eliminated by pressure from Nanking and his subordinate at Wanhhsien who bolted with his troops is believed to have fallen to propaganda.

THE NEW POLICY.

Shanghai, To-day.

A message from Mukden states that a foreign Consul-General there has been officially informed that Marshal Chang Tso-lin died yesterday.

Chinese flags over official buildings and residences have been flown at half-mast.

The funeral is being held on Saturday (tomorrow). — British Naval Wireless.

Nationalists Hostile.

Chungking, Yesterday.

The evident determination of the people in this part of far-west China, 1,400 miles from the sea, is to eliminate General Yang Sen from control. In the event of having to fight, however, it is considered that Yang Sen will win and lay claim to the whole of Szechuan province. His garrison commander at Wanhhsien, who deserted his cause and bolted—leaving Wanhhsien to the fate of bandits—was influenced by propaganda.

The Nationalists, on the other hand, in view of their Party's recent successes in Peking, may strengthen the steps to bring about the elimination of Yang Sen, with loss of face as the contributory cause.—British Naval Wireless.

MANCHURIA AFFAIRS.

Developments After Death of Chang Tso-lin.

Peking, Yesterday.

It is now generally believed that Marshal Chang Tso-lin (head of the Manchurian Government and the former Peking Government) died on the day of the outbreak (June 4).

The reports that Chang Yin-hua has been arrested in connection with the bomb plot are declared groundless.—Reuter.

The New Policy.

Mukden, Yesterday. Interviewed this afternoon, General Chang Hsueh-liang (son of Chang Tso-lin) outlined the essential points of his political programme as the new head of Manchuria.

Cognizant of the terrible sufferings of the people as a result of many years of continual civil wars, his guiding principle will be to achieve and maintain peace. In internal administration particular stress will be laid on education and his father's whole fortune, amounting to \$10,000,000, will be devoted to the advancement of education in Manchuria.

Industrial and economic development will be encouraged and supported.

"Peace With Honour."

In foreign policy he will strive for the abrogation of unequal treaties and at the same time welcome the co-operation of foreign capital provided that no special privileges are involved.

In regard to Japanese relations General Chang Hsueh-liang believed in an amicable settlement of outstanding questions.

His attitude toward the Nationalist Government was reconciliatory and he was ready to discuss any peace terms on the

basis of equality, but Manchuria being an important part of China, he could not approve of any scheme aiming at its exclusion from a voice in the country's affairs.

He therefore had resolved to use all his power to frustrate any such attempts. The main difficulty in the way of an amicable agreement was that the Nationalists had no definite proposals to offer and their attitude was changing from day to day, according to whose influence dominated.—Reuter.

Less Anxiety.

Peking, Yesterday.

A semi-official despatch from Mukden states that the anxiety following the assumption of the military governorship of Manchuria by General Chang Hsueh-liang is diminishing as the fear of a conflict between the ex-governor of Heilungkiang's adopted son, Wu Tai-lai, and General Wan Fu-lin, over the governorship of Heilungkiang province, appears to be passing as the former has apparently decided to retire in obedience to the wishes of General Chang Hsueh-liang.—Reuter.

AFTERMATH OF WAR.

Disposal of the Northern Remnants.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A War Office despatch states that a clash took place among the Northern stragglers on the evening of June 19 near Pingtu, on the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway.

The arrival of wounded is causing a panic in Kiaochow.

A Japanese military contingent hurried to the scene and has taken up an emergency position for the purpose of safeguarding local Japanese.—Reuter.

At Shanhaikwan.

The recent report that Japanese troops disarmed some Northern defeated troops at Shanhaikwan is regarded as doubtful. It is pointed out that the Japanese have less than a company stationed at Shanhaikwan so that at most they could have disarmed only a very few Chinese troops.—Reuter.

GERMAN POLITICS.

HERR MUELLER FAILS TO FORM A CABINET.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Herr Mueller has abandoned his efforts to form a Cabinet based on a "big Coalition." The failure is largely due to the demands of the People's Party that the Prussian Cabinet should also be reframed, so as to include a representative of the People's Party in it.—Reuter.

PRINCESS HELEN.

GRANTED A DIVORCE FROM EX-CROWN PRINCE CAROL.

Bukarest, Yesterday.

The High Court has granted Princess Helen's petition for divorce from ex-Crown Prince Carol.—Reuter.

LOCAL LISTENERS IN.

RADIO PLANS.

BROADCASTING THROUGH GOVT. STATION.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.

It has now been definitely decided that transmission of broadcast programmes in Hong Kong shall be through the medium of a Government station. Tests have been carried out for some time past, using the transmitter at the Observatory station. This transmitter has now been transferred to a new site on Victoria Peak, and the resumption of daily weather reports will take place next week; further tests will also take place nightly, the programme consisting of electrically reproduced gramophone records.

These test transmissions will be extended until the end of this year, when a properly equipped studio will be available. When the studio is ready it is hoped that arrangement will be made for programmes consisting of music, lectures, educational and other matters of public interest and that the local radio societies will assist in providing some of these items.

Outside Programmes.

Apparatus is also being obtained to enable outside programmes to be relayed to the studio, such as religious services, organ recitals and items of special interest. When atmospheric conditions are suitable an endeavour will be made to relay programmes from London.

Such a service can only be built up gradually and progress will depend on the financial support obtained from the sale of Licences and from other fees. Any place of amusement fitted with the necessary microphone and amplifiers can by arrangement transmit approved items for advertisement purposes.

The station will use the call sign G.O.V. and will transmit on a wave length of 300 metres.

Licences.

Listeners' licences are obtainable from the Postmaster-General, the charge being \$5.00 per annum. This charge may be increased later when the scheme is more developed.

Further details of programmes will be issued to the Press from time to time.

NEW SPEAKER.

QUAINT CEREMONY ON HIS APPOINTMENT.

THE KING'S APPROVAL.

London, Yesterday.

The new Speaker of the House of Commons entered upon his duties this afternoon after a picturesque ceremony, at which representatives of the House of Commons learned that His Majesty had intimated confidence in the ability, diligence, and efficiency of their nominee, Captain Fitzroy, to fulfil the new duties.

To hear this announcement the Commons were summoned to the House of Lords in time-honoured fashion.

The official known as "Black Rod," having knocked thrice on the door of the Chamber, was admitted and after standing temporarily at the bar and bowing he advanced to the table.

At his summons, the Speaker-elect accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms and members of the Commons, proceeded to the upper House where a Commission having been read, the King's approbation was signified by the Lord Chancellor and one of the Lords Commissioners.

On returning, the Speaker reported the result to the Commons and, in a brief speech, renewed his assurance of his devotion to the House.—British Wireless Service.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

IMPORTANT COMMONS POST FILLED.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Dennis Herbert has been elected Deputy Chairman of Committees in succession to Captain Fitzroy, who had been installed as Speaker, after the Royal Commission in the Lords had announced His Majesty's approbation of the choice.—Reuter.

AN OLD RESIDENT'S ESTATE.

MR. JOHN McCUBBIN.

FORMER MANAGER OF HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO.

EX-CUSTOMS MAN'S BEQUESTS.

Two large estates, one of a former well-known Hong Kong resident, the other of a retired Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs, have just been dealt with in the Supreme Court.

Resale of probate of the late Mr. John McCubbin, one time resi-

BAD TEETH.

Chiang Kai-shek in Shanghai.

Shanghai, To-day.

Chiang Kai-shek, Mei-ling Soong, T. V. Soong, C. T. Wang and Wong Pei-chun, Minister of Communications, arrived this morning from Nanking. Chiang Kai-shek is apparently having considerable trouble with his teeth. He spent the morning at an American dentist while T. V. Soong held a conference with Tang Shao-yi.—Reuter.

dent engineer and then manager of the Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd., has been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, attorney for the widow and sole executrix, Mrs. Louisa McCubbin.

Mr. McCubbin died at "Hillcrest," Hillmorton, near Rugby, on Dec. 1, 1927. His will was made on Aug. 16, 1919.

The local estate is valued at \$24,000. Estate in the United Kingdom is valued at \$7,790-5-11. Mrs. McCubbin is the sole beneficiary and the will provides that on her death the residue is to pass to the two children, the daughter, Mary (Mrs. J. Stewart) and the son, John Drummond McCubbin.

Mr. Seymour Leslie, Bequests of \$300 each to "his old friend," Wang Allen of Shanghai and his servant, Patrick Healy, were made by the late Mr. Seymour Leslie, a former Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. Leslie left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$44,000 and \$7,226-19-6 in the United Kingdom. He died on Sept. 27, 1927 at Forphy.

CHANGE IN LONDON.

London, Yesterday.

In the course of a statement on recent events in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) announced that the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in London had informed him that he would continue to represent China in London.—Reuter.

A wireless report from Rugby adds that the Charge d'Affaires said that he did so with instructions from the Nationalist Government at Nanking.

Dr. Chen Wei-ching is Charge d'Affaires. Dr. W. W. Yen was nominated Minister but did not proceed.

Lisianska, County Fermanagh, Ireland.

Resale of probate of the will and codicil has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons, attorney for Mr. B. L. Winslow of Enniskillen and Mr. W. V. Seddall of No. 6, Westmoreland-street, Dublin, the executors.

Mr. Winslow is a cousin and one of the many beneficiaries, who include the widow, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Bequests are also made to the rector of Aughava Church, County Fermanagh, and to the priest of Lisianska parish. Amounts are also set aside for the upkeep of the Leslie family tombs.

Only a nominal amount is involved in the legal proceedings.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

COURT REGISTRAR HONOURED.

LEGAL PROFESSION.

TRIBUTES TO MR. NISBET ON EVE OF RETIREMENT.

17 YEARS' SERVICE.

Tributes were paid by the members of the legal profession in Hong Kong, practising and otherwise, in the Chief Justice's court this morning, to Mr. H. A. Nisbet, who has been Registrar of the Supreme Court for 17 years and is leaving on the "Ranpura" to-morrow, on retirement.

Barristers and solicitors packed the Press and spectators' benches, counsel's table and other parts of the Court for the occasion. There were also present Mr. H. K. Holmes, C.B.E. (Crown Solicitor), Mr. C. D. Melbourne (Deputy Registrar) and other officials.

"PART TWO."

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., in making the presentation, said:—

"I am sure that we all very much regret that, owing to indisposition, His Honour the Chief Justice is unable to be present here to-day to preside at this gathering. I am sure that we all very much hope that His Honour will be shortly restored to health and be able to resume his judicial duties once more.

"In these circumstances the present privilege has fallen on me, as the acting Attorney-General, to make a speech on behalf of the members of both branches of the legal profession. This is part two of the presentations made to the Nisbet family because, as you are no doubt aware, only a few days ago, her many friends in the Colony made a presentation to Mrs. Nisbet.

TACT AND COURTESY.

"Mr. Nisbet, our friend, has been Registrar of this Colony for nearly 17 years, since August, 1911, when he arrived here to take up the post of Registrar and I can confidently assert that he has won not only the esteem but even the affection of both branches of the legal profession by his unflinching tact and courtesy at all times. (Applause).

"In my long experience in this court I have known many Registrars and I am safely saying that of all the Registrars I have known, Mr. Nisbet has been the most popular. (Applause).

"I will not detain you longer now but I will conclude by asking Mr. Nisbet to accept this silver salver, together with a substantial cheque as a mark of the great esteem in which he is held by members of both branches of the legal profession in this Colony. (Applause)—accompanied by the heartfelt wish that Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet may enjoy many years of happiness in the Home country." (Prolonged applause).

THE REPLY.

Mr. Nisbet thanked Sir Henry for the kind words, which, he said, he did not deserve. He also thanked them for the gift, saying he thought that he had had happy association with the profession and wishing them all good luck. (Applause).

Sir Henry Pollock added that the donors included not only the practising members of both branches of the legal profession, but also the officials of the Colony who hold legal appointments.

Mr. Nisbet said his thanks applied to these as well.

GIFT FROM STAFF.

The members of the Supreme Court staff then gathered in Mr. Nisbet's office, when Mr. J. Wiltshire (Head Bailiff) presented Mr. Nisbet with a silver ink-stand on behalf of the staff. Mr. Wiltshire spoke of the happy relations that had existed between the Registrar and the staff during the time he had been there, adding that they not only knew Mr. Nisbet as the Registrar but also as a friend. He hoped that Mr. Nisbet would accept the gift in the spirit in which it was given and would be spared for many years to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Nisbet returned thanks for the gift and wished the members of the staff good luck and prosperity.

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KONGMOON PIRATES BUSY.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

TOW BOAT MISSES A MINE BY THREE FEET.

PASSENGERS WOUNDED.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Missing by three feet a mine laid in the river, a tow-boat had a narrow escape from capture by pirates on this part of the Canton delta.

At the moment when the tow was calculated to strike the mine, the pirates opened fire from the river-bank and kept up a series of volleys from both rifles and machine-guns.

The steam-launch in front put on full speed and, fortunately, pulled the junk out of range. Several passengers were wounded in the attack.

The tow-boat concerned is the "Shun Cheong," which plies between Canton and Suncheong, the latter being a town in the Sze Yap. She was passing Ho-gau on her way to Canton.—Our own correspondent.

NOT WELCOME.

THE CHINESE "ORDER OF THE BROOM."

A MAYOR'S DEPARTURE.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Yesterday.

A giant bamboo broom, several times bigger than the domestic article, was specially constructed by persons unknown on the occasion of the departure, on relinquishing office, of Mr. Sze-To Fay, the Mayor of Kongmoon city.

The broom was to denote dislike of the departing Mayor and the situation is that the public was glad to sweep him out.—Our Own Correspondent.

ALL WAITING.

SEQUEL TO "SHUN PO'S" SUSPENSION.

INTRICACIES OF THE LAW.

Several Government departments are waiting for something to happen in the "Shun Po" censorship prosecution.

The "Shun Po" has not paid the fines nor found bail pending appeal—and, in any case, the time limit elapsed at 10 a.m. yesterday—nor have the defendants surrendered themselves to serve their terms of imprisonment, and the paper has suspended publication, as stated in the "China Mail" yesterday.

The Attorney-General's Department is "waiting." If nothing occurs after a time, steps will be taken. The Police Department considered the matter one for the Magistrate's Court. The Court seldom acts until application is made, possibly for a warrant, by some other authority. The Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will probably have a say in the matter, too.

The "Shun Po" workmen are still on the premises.

It is noteworthy that in quoting yesterday's "China Mail," certain passages were omitted by vernacular papers and the omission was unanimous. Other passages, if they appeared in one Chinese paper, also appeared in others which used the

SHOT CONSTABLES.

MR. WOLFE THANKS CHINESE CHAMBER.

PUBLIC CAR PARKING.

A letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, was read at a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, thanking the Chairman, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, and members of the Chamber for the \$2,000, which the Chamber had raised for the families of the two Chinese constables who were shot by robbers last year. It will be recalled that during the affray two Chinese constables were seriously wounded, and succumbing later to their wounds, and that three others, Sergeant McMahon, an Indian and another Chinese were also wounded.

An appeal had been made to the Chamber to obtain special parking places for public cars. It was pointed out that the parking of these public cars should be taken into consideration as well as that of the taxis.

The meeting decided to refer this appeal to the proper authorities.

OUTLAWS WIPED OUT.

CLAN FIGHTS.

LAWLESS ELEMENTS IN KONGMOON DISTRICT.

MILITARY ACTION.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. A band of about 300 outlaws whose services were purchased by one side in a bitter clan fight has been wiped out by the joint efforts of the 4th Nationalist Army and the local militia.

The clans concerned are those of the "Kwan" surname and the "Kwong" surname, both of which have many members in Hong Kong.

The bandits lived in dense woods at Ma-kong for years without molestation. Ma-kong is on the undefined district boundary between Yanping and Hoiping, and the respective magistrates have always denied jurisdiction, blaming his neighbour for responsibility.

Just before the robbers were bought over by one clan, the two present incumbents of Yanping and Hoiping had, between them, collected 2,000 men from the citizens' militia of adjacent villages.

Shock Tactics Fail. The outlaws attacked the Kwong clan which suffered heavily in loss of life and property. Word was despatched to Kongmoon whence the authorities despatched a battalion of infantrymen to the place.

While the militia spread a cordon, the soldiers attacked, using shock tactics which failed owing to the state of the wooded country. About 60 of the troops were mown down.

Then the military began to cut down the trees systematically until the bandits were left in the open. In the last fight, about 100 of the fugitives were killed, and a number were captured, including the majority of the best-known leaders.

Over 1,000 men were engaged to fell the trees and the soldiers had to fight their way in, literally, step by step.—Our own correspondent.

CHINA OF TO-DAY.

SITUATION REVIEWED IN THE COMMONS.

SIR AUSTEN'S STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.

Recent military and political developments in China were the subject of a statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) in reply to a question in the House of Commons. He said that Peking was taken over by Shanai troops on June 8 without incident and General Yen Hsi-shan's Chief of Staff gave foreign representatives the fullest assurances as to maintenance of law and order.

The position at Peking remained uncertain as large numbers of General Feng Yu-hsiang's troops were quartered immediately to the south of city while on June 12 General Pei Chung-hsi, a member of the Kwangsi group now controlling Hankow, arrived at the capital.

Obscure Intentions.

Latest reports indicate that Feng Yu-hsiang's troops are removing from the suburbs of Peking and taking up position some 30 miles or so further south but his intentions remain obscure.

Tientsin was taken over a Kwangsi general on June 12. There was some looting in the Chinese city on the part of the outgoing Northern troops but order was speedily restored.

Railway communication between Tientsin and Peking was interrupted for some days but has now been re-opened.

Chiang Kai-shek.

Dr. C. T. Wang assumed office as Minister for Foreign Affairs at Nanking on June 14. Early in June, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, resigned his post of Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army and chairman of the Nationalist military council but latest reports indicated that he may withdraw his resignation.—British Wireless Service.

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MANCHESTER TRADE

CHINA SHOWS SOME INTEREST.

INDIAN BUYING.

Messrs. Hutton's Manchester report dated May 23 states:—

Spot cotton remains fairly steady, there being many conflicting reports regarding the possibilities of the American Crop. A number of advices have been received with regard to the position of the crop, and the majority from reliable sources agree that a large portion is in a backward state due to the unfavourable weather experienced earlier in the year. While such reports do not cause undue trepidation at this stage, they tend to cause a lack of confidence on the part of the operators, who realise that there is still the question of the boll weevil to be faced.

The Manchester market is quiet owing to the influence of the approaching holidays. There has been a fair amount of enquiry from India, but comparatively little business is reported. What offers come to hand are still too low to be workable even with what is perhaps a rather easier market.

Bombay has shown interest in prints while Calcutta and Karachi have been more active than of late. Calcutta has continued to offer for dhotees at impossible prices as well as for bleached shirtings, while Karachi has shown interest in bleached goods and fancies. Madras has enquired for bleached nainsooks and mulls, but little business has been placed. Cawnpore has enquired for prints but other Indian outlets have been very quiet.

China has shown renewed interest in prices during the week, several lots of gray and white shirtings having been in demand, chiefly through Shanghai. Little business has been done with Java and Singapore despite enquiry. Of the other markets the Dominions have shown interest in fancies and specialties, as has also South America, while West Africa has booked several small lots of colouring woven goods. Egypt has enquired for low quality plains. On the whole, conditions are a little disappointing as the general improvement expected before Whit-suntide has not arrived. The ballot with regard to the proposed reduction of wages held by the Federation of the Master Cotton Spinner Association, resulted in the rejection of the proposal both on the American and Egyptian sides. The lockout, which was feared in some quarters, will not now materialise.

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THE CHAMBERS.

AS TRADE PROMOTION AGENCIES.

[By Major Cecil A. James.]

There is no more typically American organisation than the chamber of commerce. Every community, from hamlet to metropolis, has its chamber or board of trade, and the activities of these bodies of public minded business men are often productive of astonishing results. This has been the case in Los Angeles. The whole Pacific Southwest is benefiting from the well-rounded promotional and service programme conducted by that city's Chamber of Commerce.

This review comes logically from the pen of Major James who is the founder of the Marine Exchange of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and who is now assistant manager of the Chamber's Department of Foreign Commerce and Shipping.

It may be of interest to have presented an outline of the purposes and general functioning of the Chamber of Commerce as it has developed in Los Angeles, Calif.

The fundamental creed of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce runs through all of its activities back to the date of its founding in 1888, in which there is set up in "by-laws as its first object:—to foster the commerce of Los Angeles and Southern California."

Its initial period of activity centered around the development of agriculture as fundamental to the building up of trade and commerce. This development was not long in bringing about a surplus of foodstuffs that required an outlet to outside markets and the Chamber thereupon found need for focusing its activities on the development of the most economic transportation facilities for providing access to markets.

Proximity to tide water directed attention to the economies of water transportation and the possibilities of foreign markets. The completion of transcontinental railroads further emphasised the necessity and value of an ocean gateway that would economically serve not only Southern California but as well the entire Pacific Southwest and the nation as a whole. While for a period of over a hundred years Los Angeles lay within twenty miles of what is historically the oldest port on the Pacific Coast, it was not until the Chamber of Commerce came into being, in 1888, that any definite, effective steps were taken looking toward its development as an instrument of trade.

Continued influx of population led to a more recent period in which the Chamber of Commerce was required to broaden its activities in order to meet the necessity of building up industrial payrolls and in doing so to provide a diversity of products susceptible also of being marketed in foreign countries.

Thus the activities of the Chamber of Commerce have become developed to serve the three fundamentals of trade, i.e., agriculture, manufacturing and marketing, and which may be taken to be the major activities of the Chamber. We are not unmindful, however, that population and people make markets and that trade follows and seeks these markets. Thus the Chamber is active also along these lines as well as many others. Our slogan is "Balanced Prosperity," which involves many phases of our business-life.

The organization of the Chamber provides a department staff to specialise in each of these fields and to carry out what, in the judgment of those actually engaged in these fields, will serve most to promote the interests of each.

In the promotion of trade the Chamber of Commerce functions through two departments: through the Domestic Trade Department, in the development of markets and marketing conditions within the domestic trade territory that Los Angeles can, or should, via trade in that territory, and plans most economically serve, and, through the Department of Foreign Commerce and Shipping, formerly known as the Trade Extension Department, in the development of foreign trade. In the latter department are also centralized activities in behalf of water-borne commerce generally, whether foreign or domestic, embracing in their scope physical improvement of the harbour and its terminals, the acquiring of adequate steamship services to important trade markets, the removal of burdensome restrictions, the enactment of beneficial legislation, both local and national, and all of the allied problems that go into the development of a world seaport.

In the promotion of foreign trade this department, until recently and over a period of eight or nine years, served as a co-operative office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the United States Department of Commerce, carrying forward this work to a point where the government was finally warranted in establishing a local district office for administering the wide scope of service which the interests of the foreign trade of the United States generally. With the government assuming direct administration of this service locally the Chamber has become relieved in a way to permit of specialised endeavour along lines the benefit of which is intended to accrue exclusively to the local merchant or manufacturer who may be in competition in foreign markets with the merchants and manufacturers of other sections of the United States. Major activities along these lines to which attention is now being given include the supervision of a branch office of the Chamber in the Hawaiian Islands, with a representative in charge whose time is devoted exclusively to the promotion of Los Angeles County and Southern California trade in that territory, and plans now maturing for the establishment of a similar office in the Orient, where first-hand surveys

will be made of the possibilities of increasing the trade of Los Angeles with all of the countries and the teeming millions of the Far East.

The Marine Exchange, Aided from the promotional features in behalf of creating new and increasing trade, the Chamber must be prepared to render a very definite service. In a great many directions to those who are already engaged in the placing of their products on foreign markets or in the importation of materials from foreign fields. A very tangible service in this direction has been provided by the Chamber through the establishment of a Marine Exchange, which functions as a bureau of this department. Through the Marine Exchange a branch office and Lookout Station is maintained at the harbour, from which the shipping industry and shippers generally, both directly and through newspaper reports compiled, are supplied with notification on ship arrivals, movements, schedules and, through its headquarters in the Chamber, maritime information of every character. Through this bureau also is maintained a daily check on the movement of all commodities that pass in or out through the harbour, providing a character of

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HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck under the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

June 22 to 28, 1928.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
June	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 22	m 9 19.33	m 4 16 3.6
Sat. 23	m 11 46 7.0	m 7 37 0.8
Sun. 24	m 1 33 6.3	m 5 56 2.3
Mon. 25	m 4 10 4.1	m 7 40 4.0
Tues. 26	m 7 38 5.8	m 9 35 1.6
Wed. 27	m 11 15 4.5	m 11 3 4.1
Thurs. 28	m 4 59 4.8	m 11 5 3.6
May 29	m 8 12 5.2	m 10 58 2.4
June 30	m 11 44 4.1	m 8 59 2.8

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.				Poultry.			
June 1, June, June, 1928. 1918. 1914.				June 1, June, 1928. 1918.			
		Cts.	Cts.			Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛 尾 肥	lb.	28 24 12	Chicken	雞	lb.	55 30
" Prime Cut	牛 肉	"	" 23 12	Capons, Small	雞 肥	"	45 28
" Corned	牛 肉	"	28 24 22	Capons, Large	雞 肥	"	55 28
" Roast	牛 肉	"	24 20 18	Duck	鴨	"	45 22
" Breast	牛 肉	"	26 20 18	Doves	鴿	each	45 22
" Soup	牛 肉	"	28 24 22	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	32 18
" Steak	牛 肉	"	40 30 35	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	"	38 25
" Steak Sirloin	牛 肉	"	40 26 20	Fowls, Canton	雞 地	lb.	70 36
" Sausages	牛 肉	"	15 10 12	Fowls, Hainan	雞 地	"	40 36
Bullock's Brains	牛 肉	per set	65 50 60	Geese	鴨	"	45 24
" Tongue, fresh	牛 肉	each	65 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	55 80
" Tongue, corned	牛 肉	"	60 — —	" Hoihow	鴿	"	30 28
" Head	牛 肉	lb.	\$1.20 — \$1.20	Turkeys, Cock	火 雞	lb.	65 —
" Heart	牛 肉	lb.	24 13 14	Turkeys, Hen	火 雞	"	60 51
" Hump, Salt	牛 肉	"	34 20 18	Snipe	火 雞	each	— —
" Feet	牛 肉	each	8 10 12	Pheasant	火 雞	pair	— —
" Kidneys	牛 肉	"	15 18 12	Quail	火 雞	each	— —
" Tail	牛 肉	"	23 20 23	Partridges	火 雞	"	— —
" Liver	牛 肉	lb.	24 18 14				
" Tripe	牛 肉	"	7 6 7				
Calves' Head & Feet	牛 肉	set	\$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00				
Mutton Chop	牛 肉	lb.	46 26 —				
" Leg	牛 肉	"	46 26 —				
" Shoulder	牛 肉	"	44 24 —				
" Saddle	牛 肉	"	48 — —				
Pigs' Chittlings	豬 肉	per set	8 — 27				
" Brains	豬 肉	Per set	8 — 13				
" Feet	豬 肉	lb.	15 15 —				
" Fry	豬 肉	"	28 15 18				
" Head	豬 肉	"	15 20 —				
" Heart	豬 肉	each	15 10 8				
" Kidneys	豬 肉	"	15 10 8				
" Liver	豬 肉	lb.	48 30 24				
Pork Chop	豬 肉	"	44 25 23				
" Leg	豬 肉	"	34 — —				
" Loin	豬 肉	"	38 60 70				
" Fat or Lard	豬 肉	"	24 21 —				
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊 肉	per set	90 60 70				
" Heart	羊 肉	each	13 8 7				
" Kidneys	羊 肉	"	15 12 10				
" Liver	羊 肉	"	46 26 25				
" Suet, Beef	牛 肉	lb.	26 25 23				
" Mutton	羊 肉	"	30 20 18				
" Veal	牛 肉	"	46 26 25				
" Sausages	牛 肉	"	32 — —				
" No. 1.	牛 肉	"	28 — —				

Fruits.			
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	70 35
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24 24
Bananas (bride's)	香蕉	"	6 4
Carambola	楊梅	"	12 12
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10 25
Lemons (America)	檸檬	"	8 8
Lichees, Dried	荔枝	lb.	25 25
Oranges (Canton)	橙子	"	20 —
Oranges	橙子	"	28 —
Pears (Canton)	梨	"	18 —
Peanuts	花生	"	14 10
Perlimmons, Large	紅花	"	12 12
Plantains	香蕉	each	16 12
Pumelo, Siam	大果	lb.	16 —
Walnuts	核桃	"	16 —
Grapes	葡萄	"	16 —

Vegetables, &c.			
Artichokes	洋蔥	each	12 —
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5 —
" Long	豆苗	"	10 —
Beet Root	紅菜	"	6 24
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	6 8
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8 —
" Red	紅瓜	"	18 —
Cabbage, Chinese	白菜	"	12 —
" (Shanghai)	上海白菜	"	12 —
Cane Shoots, bunch	甘蔗	"	— —
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	— —
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	— —
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	— —
Carrots	胡蘿蔔	lb.	8 —
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	85 20
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒	"	15 10
" Red	紅辣椒	"	12 12
" Green	綠辣椒	"	10 —
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱粉	"	6 —
Cucumbers	黃瓜	"	12 12
Garlic	大蒜	"	12 12
Ginger, Young	薑	"	80 —
" Old	老薑	"	8 4
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海辣根	"	6 —
Indian Corn	玉米	"	8 —
Lettuce	生菜	"	12 12
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	50 —
" Mandarin	桂花	"	— —
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"	8 —
Okroes	秋葵	"	8 —
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10 6
" Green	綠洋蔥	"	10 6
" Shanghai	上海洋蔥	"	10 6
Parley	洋蔥	"	10 6
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	"	10 6
" Japanese	日本甘薯	"	10 6
" American	美國甘薯	"	10 6
Pumpkin	南瓜	"	10 6
Radish	蘿蔔	"	10 6
Rhubarb (Fresh)	新鮮紅花	"	10 6
Shallots	小洋蔥	"	10 6
Spinach	菠菜	"	10 6
Tomatoes	番茄	"	10 6
Tares	草	"	10 6
Turnips, Punt (Long)	長白蘿蔔	"	10 6
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	"	10 6
Water Cress	水芹	"	10 6
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ATLANTIC PROJECT.

SHIPPING BOARD'S ADVERSE REPORT.

PENDING LEGISLATION.

Washington. — The Shipping Board's adverse report on the Trans-Atlantic Corporation's proposal to build six four-day passenger liners capable of 33-knot speed for the North Atlantic service, recently submitted to the Senate, has no bearing whatever upon the pending shipping legislation scheduled for consideration in the House. It is emphatically stated by Mr. White, chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

"The legislation," said Mr. White, "was framed without consideration for the Transoceanic Corporation's proposal, or any other particular proposition. The House amendment to the Jones-White Bill is general." Mr. White contended that while the bill is broad enough to cover the Transoceanic Corporation's project, execution of its provisions rests entirely with the administrative authority.

Mr. Lawrence R. Wilder, president of the Transoceanic Corporation, states that plans for the proposed "blue ribbon line" are being pushed ahead. "We reiterate," he said, "that we are ready to satisfy any proper department of the Government of our ability to carry out our part, and when the time comes to definitely apply for a loan. We restate our original contention that U. S. shipping can be re-established without a subsidy or subvention."

Undermining by Foreign Interests. "We propose to proceed at once when the Jones-White Bill becomes law," he added, "although we know that our foreign marine competitors would like to see us out of the way."

Contentions that the board's report on the Wilder proposal would have a disastrous effect upon the pending legislation when it reaches the floor of the House also were scouted by Representative Monast (Rep.), of Rhode Island, an active member of the Merchant Marine Committee.

"I believe," said Mr. Monast, "that certain Americans who have large sums invested in foreign shipping are making a deliberate attempt to discredit the Brown Boveri Co., which is seeking to build up a strong U. S. merchant marine." Mr. Monast further contended "foreign interest" are attempting to undermine the proposal of the Transoceanic Corporation, a subsidiary of the Brown Boveri Co., and connecting the project with the Jones-White Bill in an effort to prevent its passage.

"Some members of the Shipping Board are prejudiced against the Wilder plan," Mr. Monast went on, "and, therefore, the report can be taken with a grain of salt." Convinced of Scheme's Feasibility.

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SHIPPING SECTION.



Commenting further on the report recently submitted by the board in response to a Senate resolution, the Rhode Island member stated that "after the board presented its adverse report, its members in charge of drafting it, I am told, refused to permit technical experts of the Transoceanic Corporation to appear to refute the charges of the board that the plan for the express liners was not feasible."

Mr. Monast said that he is convinced that the plan is feasible. "Otherwise," he continued, "the Transoceanic Corporation would not have such a large financial backing."

While Mr. Monast admitted the Board's report may cause the Jones-White bill to be amended somewhat, he held that passage of the measure is almost certain.

"For instance," he pointed out, "the bill possibly will be amended to permit only \$5,000,000 to be loaned to any one company by the Government of the Shipping Board's construction loan fund or building purposes. This would not stop the Brown Boveri Co., in my opinion, from carrying out its plans."

Here Mr. Monast pointed out that the Navy Department, under the terms of the House amendment, must approve all plans for ships to be constructed with the aid of advances from the Government's revolving fund, which would be raised from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 by the proposed House provision.

Discounting the charges alleging the Transoceanic Corporation is not financially sound, Mr. Monast declared the concern is backed by New York capitalists as well as Connecticut and Rhode Island money.

In reiterating his contention that "foreign interests" are at work in an effort to discredit the concern, Mr. Monast cited the instance when an attachment for more than a million dollars was placed against the shipbuilding plant of the Brown Boveri Co. Mr. Monast believes that move was part of the "organized efforts" to undermine the Wilder group.

EXCESSIVE BUILDING COSTS.

Handicaps Which Must Be Overcome.

The advantages to be derived from the establishment and maintenance of a U. S. merchant marine and the need for Government aid to place U. S. owners on equal footing with their foreign competitors in overseas trade, were pointed out by Mr. Norman F. Titus, chief of the transportation division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, in an address delivered at the closing session of the National Foreign Trade Council's annual convention at Houston.

"Recent investigations by the Shipping Board and the National Council of American Shipbuilders reveal in considerable detail," Mr. Titus said, "the excessive cost of building ships in U. S. yards under present conditions. The Shipping Board's conclusions indicate that the cost of constructing vessels in U. S. yards ranges in accordance with the type of vessel from 35 to 40 per cent. higher than in British yards. The National Council of American Shipbuilders found that U. S. costs were higher than British costs by 54 per cent. to 60 per cent, according to the size and type of vessel. For example, a 10,000-ton freighter built in American yards would cost \$250,000, but if built in British yards the cost would be only \$160,000.

Lower British Prices. "Thus the U. S. cost would be \$90,000 more than the British. With interest at 6 per cent, depreciation 5 per cent, insurance 5 per cent, and repairs 2 per cent, the capital charges of 18 per cent, on \$90,000, the excess U. S. cost would be \$16,200 per year. In other words, such an American-built vessel would have to earn \$16,200 before it would begin to compete with the British-built vessel on an operating basis.

"The wage cost of a large number of U. S. vessels, compared with an equal number of foreign vessels of similar types, was found to average about 49 per cent. higher. The subsistence cost of crews on U. S. vessels was found to be greater by an average of 32 per cent.

"A further handicap is that cargo insurance on U. S. vessels in many cases is higher than on foreign vessels. When we consider the national advantages flowing from a merchant marine we find:

"The creation of a maritime prestige commensurate with the nation's wealth and resources would result in a greater appreciation, by all nations, of U. S. sea power and trade supremacy. A merchant marine is a most effective form of advertising and thereby would ad-

"PIRATE THIEF?"

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Mr. J. R. Nisbet, chief officer,
"Klungchow," is on reserve.

Mr. P. Bolam, second officer,
"Soochow," has gone acting chief
officer, "Klungchow."

Mr. D. V. Duncanson has been
appointed second officer, "Soochow."

Mr. F. E. Jennison, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Wanliu."

Mr. J. McWilliams, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Hsin
Peking."

Mr. L. M. Burditt, second officer,
"Hsin Peking," has gone second
officer, "Wanhshien."

Mr. T. A. Ellis, from reserve,
has gone suppy second officer, "Hsin
Peking."

Mr. R. J. Powrie, second officer,
"Chinkiang," has gone second offi-
cer, "Szechuen."

Mr. B. Rybalovsky, second offi-
cer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. S. Turnbull, chief officer,
"Hupei," has gone chief officer,
"Ngankin."

Mr. E. Wood, chief officer,
"Ngankin," has gone chief officer,
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Mr. J. A. Anderson, chief en-
gineer officer, "Shuntien," is on
reserve.

Mr. J. B. Barclay, from Home
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cer, "Shuntien."

Mr. J. D. Thwaites, second offi-
cer, "Yusan," has gone second
officer, "Cheongshing."

Mr. W. J. Young, second officer,
"Namsang," has gone second officer,
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Mr. A. Pittendrigh, second officer,
"Chipsing," has gone second officer,
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Mr. F. M. Ide, second officer,
"Mausang," has gone second officer,
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Mr. J. Rees, from reserve, has
gone second officer, "Kwalsang."

Mr. S. Schofield, second officer,
"Kwalsang," has gone second offi-
cer, "Kwonsang."

Mr. H. E. Goddard, second offi-
cer, "Kwonsang," has gone second
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Mr. H. M. Neilson, from reserve,
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Captain H. W. Chandler, from
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Mr. H. O. Lewis, chief officer,
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Mr. J. W. Stoneham, from re-
serve, has gone acting chief officer,
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Mr. A. C. Newton, second officer,
"Hopsang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. C. Excell, from reserve,
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Mr. G. Y. L. Hunter, from re-
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Mr. G. C. F. Beck, second officer,
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Mr. A. F. Cooke has been ap-
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"Hopsang."

Mr. H. Turner has been ap-
pointed suppy third engineer officer,
"Kungwo."

Mr. E. McNab, third engineer,
officer, "Kungwo," is on Home
leave.

Captain S. Bell-Smith, of the
"Kinsan," has retired.

Mr. T. Prichard, chief officer,
"Kinsan," has gone master, same
ship.

Mr. A. H. Lake has been ap-
pointed second officer, "Kinsan."

Mr. T. A. Nicholas, from reserve,
has gone second officer, "Lung-
shan."

Mr. R. Keen, second officer,
"Lungshan," has gone chief officer,
"Kinsan."

Mr. W. J. Collam, chief officer,
"Charles Hardouin," has gone
master, "On Lee."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

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The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave
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Tian via S'ow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Wed. 4th June at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun. 24th June at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	POOKSANG	Fri. 6th July at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Fri. 13th July at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed. 20th July at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOPSANG	Tues. 23th June at 8 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Sat. 23rd June at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues. 3rd July at 3 p.m.
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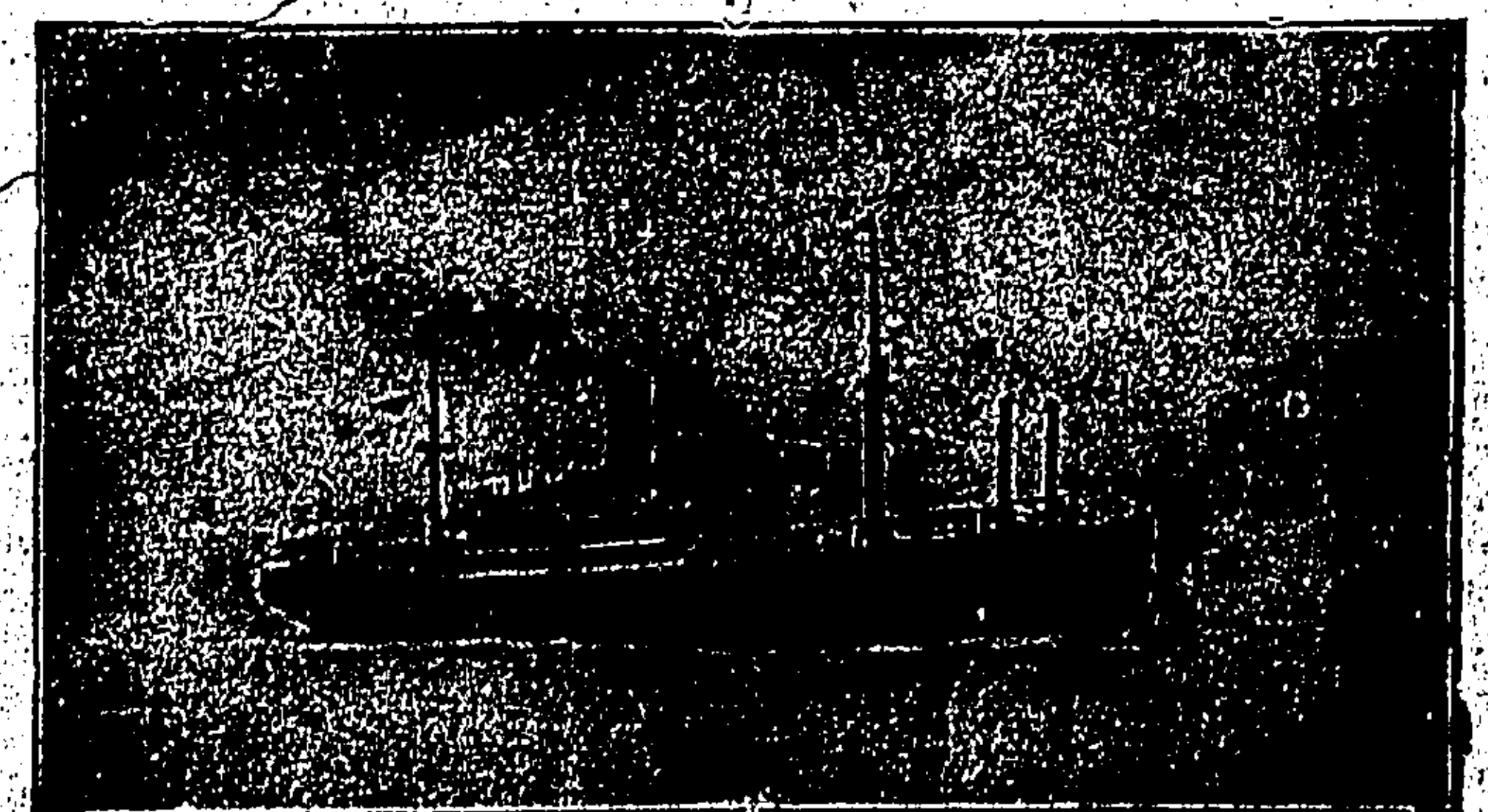
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LABOUR PARTY'S "EARLY
PIONEERS."

Reuter informs us that the
letter which Mr. James Maxton
and Mr. A. J. Cook have sent to
the organ of the Independent
Labour Party—the "New Lead-
er"—marks "an important de-
velopment in the internal dis-
ensions of the British Labour
Party." To most of us, so far
away from the actual scenes of
the agitated Labourites, this de-
velopment is probably neither
important nor interesting and
would be hardly worth comment-
ing upon were it not for the fact
that soon, in view of the General
Election next year, the three
great political Parties at Home
must be seriously setting about
the task that lies before them.
Ever since the recognised lead-
ers of the Labour Party, notably
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr.
Philip Snowden, announced that
in the opinion of the Labour
Party the Independent Labour
Party had served its day and gen-
eration and was practically
"lagging superfluous on the
stage (though they did not
express it quite in those terms)
it has been evident that the ex-
tremists, of which the Labour Party
has always been more or less
plentifully provided, would soon
make their views known. To
them the "I. L. P." seemed very
much alive, had by no means
served its purpose and could not
possibly be regarded as having
done so until the country sup-
plied them with something akin
to a perpetual Parliamentary
majority so as to enable them to
smash all classes who did not
approve of their tyrannical concep-
tion of what was due to their own
precious class—the so-called
"Working Class."

What of course must be recog-
nised—and what indeed the
extreme members of the Labour
Party have never taken much
trouble to hide—is that the
I. L. P. stands for unadulterated
Socialism, not by gradual and
sensible legislative enactment but
by revolutionary methods, such
as capital levies, general strikes,
arbitrary trade unionism and
other similar, selfish political
crudities that emanated from the
unbalanced brains of Marx,
Engels and their bewildered fol-
lowers. Well, Mr. Maxton, who
has the well-merited reputation
of being one of the I. L. P.'s
fiercest orators, and "Emperor"
Cook, who does not hesitate to
say that he is a "humble follow-
er of Lenin," are going to put
matters right where they are
convinced that they are wrong
within their Party's ranks. It is
interesting, though not astonish-
ing, to find that these firebrands,
whose chief characteristic is
their egotism, regard the "basic
principles" of the Labour move-
ment as "unceasing war against
Capitalism." That of course is
crude Socialism and, when it is
carried out in the revolutionary
manner of the supporters of
Lenin, it is Communism—the dis-
tasteful doctrine of those who
are well-named "Reds." They
evidently "see red," which ex-
plains the distorted nature of
their minds. To such individuals
the reasoning of the moderate
members of their Party only
makes for a pusillanimity that is
destroying "the fighting spirit of
the Party." In nothing more
convincingly do the extremists
condemn their political views
than by the adoption of such a
fallacious idea which is totally
opposed, not merely to ordinary
decency in the nation, regarded
individually or collectively, but is
obviously subversive of any kind
of civilised progress. Extreme
Labourites have no more right
than extreme members of any
other political Party to set their
own so-called working-class upon
a pedestal and in attempting to
"put up" for themselves what
they evidently believe is
necessary to "pull down" in
others.

It is amazing that Maxton,
Cook and those that are foolish
enough to tolerate them seem to
fail to see the crude selfishness of
their politics. Luckily, others do
see it, and that is why England
can afford, even in the face of so
serious an upheaval as a General
Strike, to regard their antics
with equanimity. It will be in-
teresting and not a little amusing
to see how they go about their
determination "to hold" confer-
ences and meetings throughout
the country when they intend

"to ask the rank and file whether
they accept the new outlook (of
their moderate leaders) or whe-
they wish to remain true to
the spirit and ideals of the early
pioneers." We doubt not that
John Bull will soon let these
fatuous extremists know that he
has gone far beyond the "pioneer-
ing" crudities of the "Reds" of
the Cook and Maxton type.

Pay Your Rates!

Through the good offices of a
reader a most curious document
signed by the Crown Solicitor
has come into our hands. Printed
in English and Chinese it is,
ostensibly, a demand for the
payment of rates. It goes on: "In
default of payment of the above
sum within seven days of the
date of this letter legal proceed-
ings for the recovery thereof will
be instituted without further
notice and steps will be taken for
the Crown to re-enter upon the
above-mentioned premises." The
italics are ours. Did we ask, any-
one ever read such arrogant non-
sense emanating from a Govern-
ment Department—and the
Crown Solicitor, forsooth? Mr.
Crown Solicitor has no legal right
and no moral right to issue to the
public a document such as above.
If it serves its presumed purpose
and frightens some people into
paying their rates immediately
on its receipt, it will have caused
a moral wrong, tantamount to
intimidation. Mr. Crown Solli-
citor and his harpies have, as we
all know, to obtain judgment in
Court of Law before they can
proceed to take steps to re-enter
upon any premises. The reader
from whom we received the docu-
ment intends, we understand, to
let his rates remain unpaid over
that portentous period of seven
days, and has promised to report
results. These we await with
interest.

Mr. J. H. Hunt, hon. general
secretary of the proposed Grand
Tattoo, will be in attendance at
"Cheer 'O" Y.M.C.A. every morn-
ing from 11 to 12, excepting
Sundays.

The Rev. Knight Anstey an-
nounces that the officers and crew
of H.M.S. "Curlew" have contrib-
uted \$200 towards the cost of the new
Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

The master of a junk was
charged this morning for having
in his junk 24 jars of undutiable
Chinese wine of 6 gallons each.
His Worship adjourned the case,
fixing bail at \$500.

A general meeting of the H. K.
Philharmonic Society will be held
in Messrs. Jardine's board room
on Wednesday next at 5.30 p.m.
to decide matters in connection with
the forthcoming Grand Tattoo.

A brown "chow" dog, belonging
to Mr. Wong of No. 98, Kennedy-
road, was yesterday removed to
Kennedy-town for observation
after biting the 3-year-old son of
Mr. H. F. Harcourt, in the cheek.

At about 7 last night, while
walking near the Second-street,
Sallyingpun, a Chinese named
Cheung Che, 19 years of age, was
stabbed on the chest. He was im-
mediately removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.

At the Central Magistracy, be-
fore Mr. R. E. Lindsell this
morning, a Chinese who was
banished in 1925 for five years,
was charged with returning to this
Colony. He was sentenced to 6
months' hard labour.

To-day being the fifth day of the
fifth moon, according to the Chi-
nese calendar, Chinese are celebrat-
ing the Dragon Boat Festival. A
number of dragon boat races are
taking place opposite Ming Yuen
Garden, North Point, this after-
noon.

Mr. Feng Pak-lau, a well-known
Hong Kong merchant, assumed
office for the second time on June
15 as Mayor of Kongmoon city.
He held office for a short period
last December. According to local
opinion General Chan Chai-long,
the military commissioner for the
south of Kwangtung, is not too
favourably disposed towards Mr.
Fung's appointment. Our own
correspondent.

On Tuesday, next, June 26, a
Marine Court of Inquiry will sit at
the Harbour Office to investigate
the circumstances of the recent
foundering of the s.s. "Kochow".
The following will compose the
Court:—Commander J. B. Newell,
D.S.O., R.N., Harbour Master,
(President); Lieut. Commandr. Lan-
selot King, R.N.; H.M.S. "Curlew",
Captain A. J. Scott, master of the
s.s. "Kwangtung"; Captain J.
Acock, master of the s.s. "Kwang-
tung"; and Captain M. L. Muller,
master of the s.s. "Tung On".

IN MYTHOLOGY.

ORIGIN OF DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL.

A PATRIOT'S SUICIDE.

To-day, the 5th day of the 5th
moon in the Chinese calendar, is
known as the Dragon Boat Day,
and is the second of the four major
festivals during the year. The
origin, as far as is known, dates
back to the Chou Dynasty (B.C.
1122-255).

Late in the Dynasty of Chou, the
state of Chu, embracing the larger
part of the present province of
Hunan, was under the rule of King
Wu, an indulgent despot. The
state was in imminent danger of
being absorbed by her powerful
neighbours. The people were
oppressed, indignant, yet power-
less. Wat Yuan, a faithful sub-
ject of the king and a great scholar,
offered remonstrations to which the
king lent a deaf ear. Wat Yuan's
perseverance in the matter angered
the king who deprived him of his
office.

Depriving the Fishes.

In his great disappointment,
Wat Yuan committed suicide on the
5th day of the 5th moon
by jumping into the river,
deciding that he would not
live to see his own land con-
quered. All the natives of Chu
mourned for him, and were seen
searching up and down the river
for his body. Hence the idea of
dragon boats was originated. The
day has been observed in his honour
ever since. Sacrifice in the form
of rice cakes is offered to him.
These rice cakes are wrapped up
in coloured leaves, usually lily
leaves, in order that they may not
be devoured by the fish before they
reach Wat Yuan. The idea of com-
petition came very much later when
people launched beautifully deco-
rated boats to show their great
appreciation of Wat Yuan's works.
The dragon boat race has always
been the greatest sensation of the
season at Aberdeen and among
the fishing fleets of Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong, the practice is
still kept up. This year the re-
sidents of Yau-mat, Wanchai, Aber-
deen and A King & Co., each con-
tributed two dragon boats for the
competition. People crossing the
harbour may have seen some of
the crews in training.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE P.W.D.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Through the medium of
your columns, I should like to draw
the attention of the filthy streets
in some parts of the Colony, such
as St. Francis-street.

Early in the morning when one
has to pass along this thoroughfare
there is far too much filthy stuff
thrown from the windows by some
of the inhabitants.

There are times that the street
is covered with such most disgust-
ing objects that a passer-by is un-
able to make his way through in
anything like decent comfort.

Would the P.W.D. be good
enough to see that this does not
happen again, and have the cul-
prits punished for this objection-
able habit or for their carelessness.
It is harmful to health and very
unpleasant in other respects.

Yours, etc.,

VERY DISGUSTED.

Hong Kong, June 21, 1928.

INQUIRIES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Your leading article in to-
day's paper has set me on a train
of thought. You ask for an inquiry
into the working of the Censor
Department—a just demand. But
what about an inquiry into the
Treasury Case (when they lost all
that money), also an inquiry into
the Education Department Case,
and into at least one Case in the
Colonial Secretary's Office? These
Cases are matters of public in-
terest, surely, and should not be let
slide into the limbo of things
forgotten.

Yours, etc.,

"OUT WITH IT!"

Hong Kong, June 21.

For causing unnecessary suffer-
ing to four fowls that were being
carried under his arm with their
wings and legs bound together, a
Chinese was this morning, at the
Kowloon Magistracy, fined \$7 by
Mr. Schofield. The defendant was
arrested in Mongkok yesterday.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the
Central Magistracy this morning, a
Chinese was charged with cruelty
to chickens at West Point yester-
day afternoon. It was stated that
a basket containing 28 chickens
were brought ashore from the
Kwong-chau wan boat. The chickens
were in such a crowded condition
that the police intervened, and
when the fowls were examined
seven were found to be dead. It
took the "boat" two days to come
from Kwong-chau wan, so that the
sufferings of the chickens must
have been considerable. The
Magistrate imposed a fine of \$15.

GOING HOME.

CLUB DINNER AND
SMOKER.

AT CRAIGENGOWER.

Last evening a farewell dinner
was given to two members of
Craigengower who are going home
shortly. Messrs. R. H. Whiteford
and R. W. Lee of the East Point
Sugar Refinery were royally enter-
tained by about 50 of the C.C.C.
members. Both are well known in
bowling circles and though they
play for East Point in the League
they are often seen at the Valley.

The Chairman of the Club, Mr.
R. Baag presided at the dinner and
in a racy speech said that they
were sorry to lose the two gentle-
men mentioned as they had been
identified for a considerable time
with all the Club's activities.

In presenting Mr. Whiteford with
a silver cigarette box and Mr. Lee
with a set of pipes, a pouch and a
silver match box, he wished them
the best of luck in their new
venture.

Suitable replies were made and a
concert followed. A splendid pro-
gramme was carried through and
the gathering broke up a late hour
with the usual musical honours.

STONE-THROWING.

FINE OF \$100 IMPOSED ON
CHINESE.

On a charge of misconducting
himself in public and with assault-
ing a police constable, a Chinese
appeared before Mr. Schofield at
the Kowloon Magistracy this morn-
ing.

The defendant is alleged to have
thrown a stone at an Indian con-
stable, striking him rather heavily,
as the result of becoming indignant
after being searched by the con-
stable in public.

The Indian constable, gave evi-
dence to the effect that there was the
usual crowd of sight-seers outside a
Chinese theatre at the end of Lai
Chi-ko-road. He and another In-
dian constable were on duty there
searching people. They searched
the defendant and on turning their
backs on the latter he was struck
by a stone. The other constable
saw the accused pick up a couple
of stones. They arrested the man.

Both constables stated that the
defendant was abusive in his man-
ner.

Defendant flatly denied having
thrown the stone, adding that the
constable when searching him,
held him by the throat by one
hand, and with the other struck
him on the face several times.
Why should I want to hit the con-
stable with a stone. There was
such a big crowd, that any one
could have thrown the stone and
he blames me for the deed," said
defendant.

Sergeant Brittain, in charge of
the case, stated that of late it had
been quite a common occurrence
for police officers to be hit with
stones thrown by someone.

A fine of \$100, with the alterna-
tive of 2 months' imprisonment was
imposed.

CASE SETTLED.

SHROFF'S CLAIM FOR \$500
SECURITY.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ obtained leave
to mention in the Summary Court
this morning the case in which
Chan Wah-hee, sued the South
China Trade Protection Association
for \$500.

The case had been fixed for June
27 and the reason he asked for an
early date last Friday (when the
case first came up) was because
his client was anxious to go to
Singapore as soon as possible. Mr.
Russ said, "the case has now been
settled."

His Lordship gave leave for the
writ of summons to be withdrawn.
Plaintiff, it will be recalled,
claimed that he had been engaged
by defendants as a shroff and sued
for the return of \$500, alleged to
have been put up in cash as
security.

A COLLISION.

According to a report made to
the Water Police by the master of
cargo boat No. 2014-V, at 11.30
a.m., yesterday, whilst his junk was
leaving the Yau-mat shelter to
convey some machinery to the s.s.
"Hydrangea," she was run into by
a rice junk which was being towed
into the shelter through the north-
ern entrance by the steam launch
"Tak Shing". The complainant's
junk, captained by the steam launch
master's young son. The body was
later lifted up by a police launch,
and Sergeant Pearson tried arti-
ficial respiration without avail. The
body was removed to the Kowloon
mortuary.

CANTON'S RIVERS.

AN EXPERT'S REVIEW OF THE FLOODS.

NOT SO BAD THIS YEAR.

Mr. G. W. Olivecrona, Engineer-in-Chief of the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, issues the following statement regarding the present condition of the rivers in the province:—

The last raining period caused a rise in the rivers but, fortunately, not to such a height as to make havoc amongst the dykes. No inundation has taken place within the dyke-protected districts but, naturally, in places where no dyke protection exists, some inconvenience has been felt by the rising water.

The West River began to rise on May 7 at Wuchow, the rise being felt two days later at Shuihung. On June 6, Wuchow recorded its highest water-level of 51.2 ft., which is still 8.7 ft. below the average of summer floods.

At Shuihung, the highest water was recorded one day later, on June 7, being 2.7 ft. below the ordinary summer floods.

BENEFIT OF CONTROL.

The newly completed control sluice and dykes in front of the Sunglung Valley, constructed by the Board of Conservancy Works, prevented inundation of some 90,000 more of land which, up till now, have been subject to yearly inundations. Sunglung Valley being now safeguarded against floods will, in the future, produce two rice crops instead of one in every second year, which was the case before the sluice was built.

The North River reached its maximum at Shuihung on June 4, and at Tsingyuen on the same day. The highest flood level was, at Shuihung 9.2 ft., at Tsingyuen 4.5 ft., below respective high waters usual for the season.

The Lupao control sluice kept the flood level in the inland channel 3.5 ft. below the water level in the main river.

In consequence, the plains situated between the North River and Canton, city were kept free from inundation. Also, Canton city was saved from high waters, the occurring swamping of the lower part of the city being due to the tides. Not before this part of the city is raised above the tide level and properly drained will these yearly occurring inundations be eliminated.

No dyke breaches with accompanying inundation have been reported from the North River. In the mountainous regions, heavy showers seem to have caused some slight accidents; but in the dyke protected regions, the floods did no damage.

SHEKLUNG CITY.

Compared with the other rivers, the East River has shown slightly higher flood stages. In the mountainous districts some tributaries rose above the normal high waters, but the main river never rose above normal.

For a few days parts of Sheklung, which is unprotected against the annual floods, were covered with water; but this happens almost every year and can only be avoided by enclosing the market within embankments.

At Sheklung, the highest stage of the water was reached on May 23 when 18.2 ft. above lowest low water was registered. This stage is, however, 2.4 ft. below the average height of the summer floods.

FARMERS DON'T CARE.

In the East River district still much land is continually without proper flood protection.

Tungun Valley, for instance, is yearly flooded, causing immense losses to the farmers.

The Conservancy Board has on several occasions tried to persuade the farmers to make a joint effort in raising the money necessary for the repair, but without success. The farmers have preferred to spend their fortune on clan fights and other non-productive undertakings, for carrying on of which they have invested their savings in extensive foreign arms and ammunition. The Conservancy Board is quite willing to subscribe funds for the repair and to undertake the work, but has, so far, met with small response from the population.

The 50 ft long dyke constructed by the Board on the right shore of the East River, from Konghia to Sheungnam, is intact and has saved an extensive area between the river and the Lo Pau mountains from inundation.

As a conclusion, it may be said that the floods in the Kwangtung rivers have, so far, not caused any damage. All three rivers are now receding but since the moon is now at "full and change" the tidal rise and fall will be prominent for some days.

LATE J. P. STEVENS.

WROTE LETTER TO A COMRADE.

THE VERDICT.

In a letter written to a comrade on the morning of the tragedy, J. P. Stevens, late warder of the Laichikok Prison, who committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a service revolver in the woods beyond the Club de Recreio's football ground at King's Park on June 7, wrote the following sentences, which pointed to his having met his death by his own hand:—

"As a man I have been a failure . . . I am quite rational . . . The Coroner can think what he likes."

Yesterday Mr. W. Schofield, in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. H. Tillman (foreman), J. H. Gomes and M. A. de Silva, held an inquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy, into the circumstances attending the death of Stevens.

On the direction of the Coroner, who said that although it was quite clear that Stevens had taken his own life, it was for the jury to say whether a verdict of suicide, or "suicide during temporary insanity" should be returned, the jury, without retiring, gave a verdict of "suicide," and did not make any reference to the deceased's state of mind at the time.

The evidence of Dr. I. Newton, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital was that deceased was admitted at 8.45 p.m., on June 7. He was unconscious and suffering from a bullet wound in the head. His condition was such that any surgical interference was impossible. Stevens died without regaining consciousness at 10.45 p.m.

Stevens' Bad Health.

The doctor also revealed that the apex of the right lung showed evidence of healed tuberculosis while the spleen showed signs of malarial infection. The deceased had had several operations for abscesses in the anal regions. He complained of abdominal pains and a vague form of enteritis.

On September 1 last year, witness wrote to the Medical Officer of Health suggesting that a board be formed with a view to invaliding the deceased as he was losing weight and no longer of use to the service. It was decided that he should be given another chance to see what could be done for him. He showed signs of recovery when witness saw him some time later.

Asked if the deceased's general state of health was such that he was depressed, witness replied that his complaints had a peculiarly depressing effect.

Mr. Franks informed the Court that during the twelve months between April 20, 1927 and April 20, 1928, the deceased had been in hospital for 181 days.

Warder Sutherland was the comrade to whom Stevens wrote the letter referred to at the inquest. The deceased said that Sutherland would not doubt be surprised to hear from him but he had to tell him where the body could be found. The deceased then went on to say that he intended to commit suicide and that his body would be found on the hillside near King's Park.

Referring to his absence from duty, the deceased said that he had spent the night of June 5 on the hillside at Laichikok as well as the following day. The letter was written on note paper of the Kum Toi Hotel where the deceased said that he intended to have his breakfast, this being on the day of the tragedy.

The deceased asked that his body be buried on the hillside at Laichikok and that only Warder Sutherland and Jimmy Mason should be present. To Jimmy Mason, the deceased, in his final letter, bequeathed all his belongings including his property in a flat in Nathan-road, where he had been learning Chinese.

IDA BOY-ED.

GERMAN NOVELIST WHO HATED ENGLAND.

Berlin.—Frau Ida Boy-Ed, the well-known German novelist, has died at Lubeck from heart failure following a lengthy illness. In the course of forty years she had written fifty romances, one of the most popular being "Das Eine," a story of love and patriotism.

During the war she turned from Love to Hate. Her loathing of things English became a passion. Here is an excerpt from an article entitled "Hate" which she wrote in October 1914:

"Since August 4 I know what hatred is. Hatred came to us creative-hatred. Buoyant hatred, which is at once a weapon and an inspiration. I distinguish between enemy and enemy. Should we not all do that? Every voice I have heard vibrates with hatred when England is mentioned."

TAIKOO FATALITY.

JURY'S VERDICT AND RECOMMENDATION.

RECENT TESTS.

Yesterday afternoon, the inquiry was concluded into the circumstances attending the death of a Taikoo Dockyard fitter who was killed on the afternoon of June 7, as the result of an explosion on board the oil-tanker "Wabasha," in dock at the time of the accident.

The jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure," and added the following recommendations:—

(1) that the Government should make compulsory the issue of a gas-free certificate by the Government Analyst, before such work should be undertaken; and (2) that the Dockyard should be required by Government Regulation to supply their employees with electric or safety lamps when engaged in such hazardous work.

Tests.

Evidence given by Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, and his Assistant, Mr. V. C. Branson, was to the effect that on the morning of June 7 they carried out a test for signs of petroleum vapour in the empty oil tanks and in the coffer dam, but discovered none. Following the explosion at 1.40 p.m., another test was carried out but again no signs of inflammable vapour were found.

On June 9, another workman was gassed in the coffer dam, and a third test was carried out, this time for carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide as well as inflammable gas. No excessive accumulation of carbonic acid gases was found, and it became apparent that asphyxiation was due to some form of inflammable gas.

Speaking about this third test, Mr. Branson said that he overheard a conversation between the Captain and the Chief Engineer of the "Wabasha" to the effect that there was a leak in the main oil pipe line between the tanks and the pump, and which ran through the coffer dam. Witness made a search and found the leak referred to. Although the pipe line was empty, Mr. Branson's opinion was that pockets of benzine might have formed inside the pipe and evaporated through the leak.

Magistrate's Comment.

Mr. Dovey's evidence was similar, and he was reminded by Mr. Lindsell that apart from the commercial character of the work which his Department was called upon to perform, he was at the same time also a Government servant and should have taken prompt steps on learning of the leakage in the oil-pipe to inform the police so that the necessary steps might be taken to investigate the defect. As it was, the ship had now again gone to sea with this defect unrepaid, and it was to be feared that another mishap might occur with one or other member of the crew as a victim.

Mr. Dovey was understood to say that he was never asked to report on the matter, and that, on the other hand, the Dockyard had communicated the mishap to the police. His Worship said he very strongly advised that Mr. Dovey should make a report in such a case. Here was a ship which had gone to sea still with that dangerous defect in her.

Mr. Cousins, Assistant Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard, said that even after the second "gas-free" certificate had been given he refused to allow his workmen to "carry on," and work in that particular compartment was never resumed.

INDIA'S ONLY HOPE.

MAHARAJAH AND BRITISH RULE.

The Maharajah of Burdwan, speaking at Caxton Hall, Westminster, said: "It is no good shutting our eyes to the fact that there is in India a volume of opinion growing every day which desires to get rid of British rule at all costs." He added:—

If India is tired of the white rule and if the British are tired of ruling India then India must be prepared to be ruled by the yellow races, or by those brown races whose religion is other than Hinduism, or by Soviet Russia.

I may be called unpatriotic or even a traitor by those who in their idealism want an independent India which, geographically and racially, cannot, I fear, so easily crystallise, but I take the British connection as the only solution of India's problems.

The Maharajah said the Simon Commission must put the question of the official position and personal comfort of the Viceroy and the provincial Governors beyond the vote of the legislative bodies if they were to continue their prestige as representing the Crown in India.

COURT REGISTRAR.

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A TENNIS CHAMPION.

Mrs. Nisbet will accompany her husband Home to-morrow. A well-known and very popular figure, Mr. Nisbet will be remembered for his enthusiasm in lawn tennis. He won the local single championship from 1912 to 1914—three times in succession.

He first captured the title when he defeated Capt. Day, K.O.Y.L.I., in the final, in 1912 being his first season in Hong Kong. He returned the title for two years, defeating Mr. S. E. Green in an exciting final in 1914. Although he has not played seriously within recent years, he has been actively associated with various tennis bodies, his interest in their welfare being unbounding. He is one of the best umpires in the Colony.

WITH THE BEST.

Mr. Nisbet was born on June 2, 1873 and, at 9 years of age, showed enthusiasm for tennis. He was educated at Winchester College and took up first class tennis between 1896 to 1900.

At that time he played for Blackheath Club, and also represented Surrey in inter-county championships for several years. He also figured at Wimbledon, where he succeeded in reaching the doubles final, in which matches he showed his best form. He reached the semi-finals in the singles.

With a team including of Messrs. Eaves and Mahony, Mr. Nisbet visited America in 1897. Although not a representative team, they took part in several championship games with mixed success. On that occasion Mr. Nisbet met Eaves in the final and was defeated.

CAREER ELSEWHERE.

Before coming to the Colony Mr. Nisbet spent some time in South Africa where, during the war there, he served in the Kent and Middlesex Yeomanry for a year, securing the Queen's medal and two clasps. Then he joined the Civil Service, but was one of the many who left in 1907. Obtaining a post in the Colonial Office he was sent to Grenada, West Indies, and from the latter place to Hong Kong.

Mr. Nisbet was Assistant Resident Magistrate of Transvaal from May 1908 until 1907, while on Oct. 16, 1907, he was appointed Police Magistrate of the Southern district and Registrar of the Supreme Court also.

COMPANY LAW.

Arriving in Hong Kong on August 15, 1911, in 1912 Mr. Nisbet also held the position of acting Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks. He went to Shanghai in December 29, 1915, in connection with the establishment of a register of companies there and returned to Hong Kong the following year.

Mr. Nisbet has been associated with the Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club, and the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Formerly he was associated with the United Services Club, and also the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Mrs. Nisbet shares much of her husband's popularity in the fact that she has also made a name for herself in the realm of local tennis and social circles. Their many friends wish them "bon voyage" and the best of luck in the Home Country.

"SUNRISE."

MORE SPLENDID TRIBUTES.

Among the many splendid tributes paid to "Sunrise," the great film showing at the Queen's Theatre again to-day and to-morrow is the following by the Fox Critic of the London "Sunday Pictorial":—

From the point of view of proving that cinematography is an artistic form of expression worthy of the best creative brains in the world, "Sunrise" is an achievement without any parallel in film history. It proves, that the screen possesses a language capable of expressing with vigour and beauty all human emotions.

A young farmer, happily married, becomes infatuated with a woman from a neighbouring town and resolves to murder his wife. Apart from the happy ending, that is all the story there is in "Sunrise." The rest is an elaboration of setting, a perfection of photography and a rhythm which makes "Sunrise" appear like poetry in pictures.

The best element in "Sunrise" is not in its spectacular elaborations, but in its human simplicity. The best scenes in the picture are those showing Janet Gaynor, who plays the wife, in a storm of weeping, or in a storm of over-riding, it has added following the dumb terror of real-

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Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Sunrise." To-day—Star Theatre; "The Great Gatsby." To-day—World Theatre; "Blonde or Brunette." June 24-25—Star Theatre; "On Ze Boulevard." June 24-25—World Theatre; "Millionaires." June 24-26—Queen's Theatre; "Good Morning Judge." June 26-27—World Theatre; "Exit Smiling." June 26-27—Star Theatre; "A Woman's Woman." June 27-30—Queen's Theatre; "Twelve Miles Out." June 28-30—World Theatre; "The Beloved Rogue." June 28-30—Star Theatre; "The Canadian."

Lammerts' Auctions. June 26—At 7, Knutsford-terrace, Kimberley-rd., Kowloon household furniture, 11 a.m. June 27—At 2, Torres-bldg., Kimberley-rd., Kowloon, household furniture 11, a.m. Land Sale. June 25—At P.W.D. Office, one lot of Crown land at Ma Tau Kok, 3 p.m.

Meetings. June 25—The Annual General Meeting of the H.K. Polo Club at the Club Pavilion (weather permitting) at 5.30 p.m.

June 27—General Meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society at Messrs. Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

June 28—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, in Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

June 28—Confirmatory meeting of Wm. Powell, Ltd., 12.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous. To-day—Presentation at Supreme Court, to Mr. H. A. Nisbet.

June 26—Marine Court of Inquiry at Harbour Office.

COOLIE DROWNED.

Whilst a coolie was washing his coat at the bank of the river near Sir Robert Ho Tung's gardens at Sheungshui, yesterday afternoon, the coolie slipped off of his hand and was carried away. The coolie immediately jumped into the river and did not re-appear.

The police theory was that the man was drowned as the result of being sucked into an underground tunnel which open at that spot in the river, and carried water underneath the road to some rice fields a little distance away.

Ing that her husband had intended to murder her. That is unforgettable. Comparable with these scenes is the sinister incident of the husband taking the dog back to land, the profound philosophy of the wedding scene, and the joy of the rustic dance. These things indicate the dramatic range of "Sunrise" and the fact that beneath its ing beauty.

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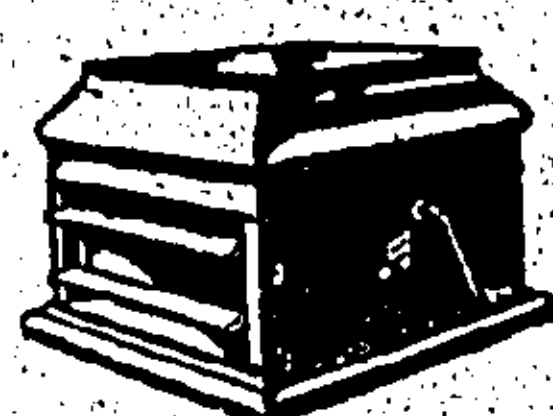


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WORKING MYSTERY.

119 BOTTLES LEFT BY PREVIOUS TENANT.

ONE OF MORPHINE.

Evidence concerning 119 bottles which she had handed to the police was given by the spinster owner of Nuthurst, Lower Knaphill, when the inquest was resumed at Woking into the death of Hilary Rougier.

Rougier, aged 77, a retired farmer of Guernsey, had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lerwill at Nuthurst. He died in August, 1926, and his body was exhumed last March.

Cerebral hemorrhage and senile decay had been given as the causes of death on the certificate, but at the opening of the inquest it was stated that the post-mortem had not revealed any disease likely to terminate fatally.

Dr. Roche Lynch, Home Office analyst, gave evidence that in organs of the body submitted to him he found traces of morphine.

Miss Mary Hope, the owner of Nuthurst, said that some of the bottles she had given to the police contained poison, her father having been a doctor. One contained morphine. These bottles were left in a locked cupboard when the house was let to the Lerwills, and when witness and her sister returned in October, 1926, the cupboard and its contents were intact.

She expressed the opinion, in reply to the coroner, that there was rather more in the bottle of morphine when last she had seen it.

Other witnesses stated that Mr. Rougier had kept bottles of medicine in the maid's pantry and was in the habit of mixing them himself.

The inquest was adjourned, the coroner intimating that he would sit from day to day until the hearing was concluded.

Rougier's Habits.

The court was full when Mr. G. Wills Taylor, the West Surrey coroner, resumed his inquiry. Mr. and Mrs. Lerwill again sat next to their legal representatives, Mr. W. B. Frampton and Mr. Danford Thomas, the latter appearing for Mrs. Lerwill in place of Mr. J. G. Symes.

Miss Mary Beatrice Hope, of Queen's-gate, London, the owner of Nuthurst, said that in June, 1926, as she and her sister were going abroad, she let the house furnished, through agents, to Mr. and Mrs. Lerwill, who paid four and a half guineas a week rent.

She shut up one or two cupboards. In one of the cupboards she locked were many bottles. Two of the bottles belonged to her father, who had been a doctor, and had been there for years.

The coroner: Did the 119 bottles you have handed to Superintendent Boshier come from this cupboard, which you left locked?

Miss Hope: Yes, all came from that cupboard. There were several bottles in the cupboard containing poison. There was a bottle of morphine.

A bottle was produced and identified by Miss Hope.

The coroner: Can you remember the condition when you last saw the bottle?—There was more in it than there is now. I don't remember the label "poison" being on the bottle. Neither do I remember a floating cork which is in the bottle now. Among the bottles was one containing the remains of some cough mixture labelled "The Linctus."

Was there anything else of a poisonous nature that you remember?—No.

Miss Hope said that she returned to Nuthurst about October, 1926, and the Lerwills were the only people who had occupied the house in the interval. There was a nurse belonging to the Lerwill family who had lived with them. The Lerwills were not present when she returned, and had left the key either with the agent or with a neighbour. We heard that somebody had died in the house during our absence, and went round to look at the rooms.

The coroner: Can you explain more closely the cause of your dissatisfaction?—The room smelt musty and not very pleasant. I do not know what it smelt of.

Was there anything discoloured in the room?—The bedstead was. The head of the bed, a wooden one, had been polished, but the polish was completely off the head. There was a grey look about it as if it had been scrubbed. The bedding was clean, and the cover was clean. Miss Hope added that she had since destroyed the mattress of the bed. It was not new mattress, and they were dissatisfied with it.

Cupboard Intact.

Did you notice anything unusual about the cupboard in the west room which contained the bottles?—Nothing at all.

The contents were intact?—Yes. The door is slightly damaged. Yes, there is a broken hinge. It has been broken for years. I do not think that this defect in the hinge has any bearing on the security of the lock.

On examination of this cupboard did you find it just as you left it?—Yes.

Replying to Mr. Frampton, Miss Hope said that she could not exactly remember the level of the liquid in the bottle containing tincture of opium. She thought that it was about two divisions more than it was at present.

Miss Lillian Margaret Hope said that she and her sister were told the moment they returned home that Mr. Rougier had died. "It was in my bed, and I was not quite satisfied. I did not know what illness Mr. Rougier had."

The coroner asked if there was any real reason for dissatisfaction, and witness replied that the place was clean, but she noticed the musty smell which her sister had spoken of. The Lerwills had arranged to pay the rent of the house in instalments. One instalment was paid in advance.

The coroner: What about the other instalments?—They were not paid.

"During the time Mrs. Lerwill was living at Nuthurst," said witness, "I wanted to put a fur coat away, and Mrs. Lerwill gave me the key of the cupboard."

Mr. Frampton: We have had all this mystery about the scrubbing of the bed head. I suppose if anyone died in a room you would expect it to be cleaned?—Oh, yes, and the room was clean.

"That Awful Wheeze."

Miss Alice Dayborn, a domestic help at Nuthurst, said Mr. Rougier used to potter about in the garden most of the day. About three weeks after she went to the house Mrs. Lerwill remarked to her that Mr. Rougier was not looking very well, and she thought it would be better to have a doctor. I quite agreed, as Mr. Rougier was getting on in years. Mrs. Lerwill asked if I knew a doctor, and I suggested Dr. Brewer, who was sent for.

The day before Mr. Rougier died he was later than usual coming downstairs. He did not seem at all well. The wheeze on his chest was worse than usual. The cough was drawn up in front of the drawing-room fire because Mr. Rougier seemed chilly. The previous Friday he did not seem well. He had a cold and "that awful wheeze."

"On the Saturday morning that Mr. Rougier died Mrs. Lerwill asked me to take his shaving water up to him. I did so. I knocked on the door and listened. Mr. Rougier was breathing very heavily. I shook him by the shoulder and said I had brought his shaving water. He made no answer, so I fetched the nurse and Mrs. Lerwill. Mrs. Lerwill said she thought she had better send for a doctor. Dr. Brewer was sent for, and he said that Mr. Rougier had not long to live. The nurse and myself took it in turns to watch Mr. Rougier, who died at four o'clock in the afternoon."

In reply to Mr. Frampton, Miss Dayborn said that Mr. Rougier did not say anything to her at any time about seeing a doctor. She was very happy with the Lerwills.

Rougier And Old Age.

Marjorie Helen Aldridge, a trained children's nurse, of Sandy, Bedfordshire, said Mr. Rougier was with Mr. and Mrs. Lerwill when she first went into their service at Suffolk in 1923, and he was with the family during the whole of the three and a half years, except for a few weeks when he was on holiday. At Knaphill his daily wants became shorter and shorter, and he did not spend so much time in the garden. He was a paying guest in the house. Witness never saw him write anything, but had seen him sign documents, and she had been called upon to witness his signature.

Mr. Rougier left off gardening very suddenly and became very feeble. He used to speak about it himself and say it was due to old age, but he never complained of anything. The last few days of his life he ate hardly anything, though they tried to tempt him to do so. She did not think he took his medicine during that time.

She told Mrs. Lerwill that she thought Mr. Rougier ought to be in bed, but they could not get him to stay there. Mr. Lerwill did not sleep at home the night before Mr. Rougier died, neither did she remember seeing him during the day.

Replying to the coroner as to when she last saw Mr. Lerwill, witness said that it would be several days before. Mr. Lerwill was in the catering business and was away a great deal.

The coroner: Was any effort made so far as you know to have a doctor brought to Mr. Rougier on the few days preceding his death?—We said to Mr. Rougier that he ought to go to bed and have a doctor, but he said he was all right.

Mr. Frampton: Do you know that Mr. Rougier had been a friend of the Lerwill family for some time?—Yes, Mr. Rougier told me himself.

While you were in the house you had an opportunity of observing the relationship between them?—Yes.

Would I be right in describing

BELGRADE TRAGEDY

KING'S VISIT TO VICTIMS AT HOSPITAL.

"MUCH WORK TO DO."

Belgrade, Yesterday. Immediately the King heard of the Parliament tragedy, he visited the victims in hospital. Paul Raditch died a few moments before the King's arrival, and his body was surrounded with lighted candles.

The Croat Peasant Leader, Stefan Raditch, his uncle, was stretched on the operating table.

He opened his eyes and murmured "Long live the King," and raised the King's hand to his lips. He whispered "Sire, I do not cling to life, but I must live, for there is still much work to do."

Mob Disorderly In Belgrade.

Belgrade, Yesterday. A garbled account of the shooting of the deputies is published in the "Zagreb," which reports that both Paul and Stefan Raditch are dead and that the news aroused consternation among the populace. Crowds became disorderly and had conflict with the police, bombarding them with stones.

The police repeatedly charged and cowered, were also called out and had to charge before the disorder was quelled.—Reuter.

BRUTAL MURDER.

BODY FOUND IN AN EAST PRAGA DITCH.

In connection with the brutal murder (reported yesterday) of a Chinese whose body was found by workmen on the Praga East reclamation yesterday morning, a "China Mail" representative was able to gather some additional information this morning.

The murdered man, whose age is probably a little over 30 years, had the appearance of being of the coolie class, as his feet showed signs of their never having worn shoes. When found, the body was clad in a white cotton coat and trousers.

Up to this morning the body, which was removed by the police to the Victoria mortuary, had not been identified, nor had the police received any report of any Chinese being missing. It was, however, pointed out by our informant that the disappearance of a coolie is seldom reported, and generally not made much of by friends, as the majority of this class of Chinese have no abode. They sleep in the streets, seldom at regular places, and are constantly on the move to various parts of the island as work becomes available.

In these circumstances, the absence of a man for many days would not cause any alarm amongst his friends.

The body discovered yesterday was found in a trench on the Praga East reclamation, some distance to the west of the Bowington-canal.

SNATCHING.

IN MIDDLE OF QUEEN'S ROAD AT NOON.

Whilst Miss R. Ault, one of the sisters at the Government Civil Hospital, was walking in Queen's-road, near St. Francis Hotel, at 12.30 p.m., yesterday, a thief approached her from behind and snatched her handbag containing money and other things to the value of \$24. The thief got away down a side lane.

RESUMING WORK.

Shanghai, To-day. As the outcome of the conference between the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Filature Workers, the latter have agreed to resume work to-morrow.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.—Two of the greatest steel producing organizations in America, namely the United States Steel Corporation and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, have combined their export sales department in a supreme effort to obtain a larger share of the foreign steel market. With this aim a special organization has been formed to be called the Steel Export Association, which will absorb the business of both companies.—Reuter's American Service.

Shanghai, To-day.—Long distance telephonic communication between Dairen and Seoul via Mukden has been successfully inaugurated.—Reuter.

that as very affectionate?—Yes. Mr. Rougier was very fond of both of them.

The jury asked why Miss Aldridge was so emphatic that Mr. Rougier was worse for three days before his death. She replied,

"Nothing, only his appetite failed, and he seemed weak. I asked him many times if he was all right and he always said, 'Yes, quite all right.'"

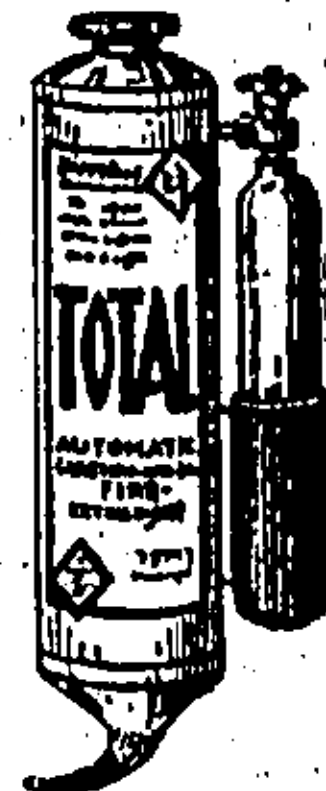
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As it has always endeavoured to do, the "Overland China Mail" this week fills the gaps in the information supplied to people in other parts of the world.

A copy will be very much appreciated. All the China cables, the despatches of importance, articles which explain matters to non-Chinese, and copious explanations will be found in the "Overland."

The complicated state of affairs is described in such a way as will be understood by all.

The "Overland" is the only illustrated weekly summary of local events. Amongst this week's features are the reports of two Courts Martial, a number of public functions, and the concluding articles by Mr. Lo Tung-fan, B.A., on Confucianism. Readers who have read the complete paper by Mr. Lo should obtain the whole bound together in the "Overland."

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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Sport Columns

BOWLS.

FERGUSON AND RUSSELL FOR THE FINAL

LEAGUE GAMES.

[By "Blas"]

The Peeters almost wrested the honours from the leaders in the first division and Bradbury's showing against A. Clark was anything but convincing. True he did the necessary with the last shot of the match but he was lucky. Omar's rink was the best and his No. 3 the best man in the side. The Craigengower side will require to play all they know to-morrow to take the points from Kowloon Bowling Green; but I think they can do it on their own carpet.

The Bowling Green easily accounted for K.C.C. last week as I expected and I can't see the Cricket Club beating Civil Service at the Valley to-morrow. The Civil Servants have not won a match yet but it is generally agreed that that is not a true indication of their form and that on more than one occasion the fates have been against them.

The Two Docks.

The match between the two docks last week went in favour of what I considered the weaker team. Wallace's re-appearance had something to do with it but even given that as an advantage the gods were on their side or they would not have gone home with the points.

The Kowloon Dock men go over to the Valley to play the Police to-morrow on the best green in the Colony and as they will be out to redeem their reputation and to show that they are still potential champions, I expect to see them win. This should be the best game of the afternoon from the spectators' point of view.

Second Division.

In the Second Division there were a number of surprises. East Point went down at Talkoo but I think the green had something to do with the Dock's narrow win. Civil Service Second String disappointed against their neighbours, Craigengower. Here again a fast green had a lot to do with it. On one rink the No. 1 was offener in the ditch than on the green at the beginning of the game and after tea he faked it and was never up. All three rinks in the visiting team played below their normal strength and I still contend that the Civil Servants will be found near the top of the table at the end. I expect Kowloon Bowling Green to beat their Cricketers neighbours and they did it in convincing style.

Bit of a Mystery.

The other game last week is to me still a bit of a mystery. I have not yet seen the Club de Recreio "A" perform but I have heard a lot about them. They are new to the League but they have several experienced players who have made a name playing at Craigengower. During the week the "A" team however somewhat redeemed themselves by winning a friendly match against Kowloon Dock and I expect to see a renewal of last week's form to-morrow and to hear that they took the points away from the Bowling Green. In the other match I think Talkoo will prove too strong for the Yachtsmen.

The Championship.

A number of games have been played in the Championship since last week, and we are getting nearer the stage when winners are spotted. Omar accounted for a good man in West and D. Rumjahn impressed by his victory over Holland. Ribeiro the star skip of the Recreio "A" is in the 3rd round but in all probability he will have to beat Ferguson of Talkoo to get into the last 8 and I don't think he can do it.

In the top half I expect to see the winner of the match Cullen or Grimmit v. Ferguson figure in the final. (I am quite aware that our genial secretary has not yet played Grimmit).

In the bottom half I expect to see Russell and Omar meet in the semi-final and on present form the winner ought to meet Pendered to figure in the last lap.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.

The programme for to-morrow is—

Division I.

Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.
Craigengower v. Bowling Green.
Police v. Kowloon Docks.

Division II.

East Point v. Craigengower.
Bowling Green v. Recreio "A".
Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.
Yacht Club v. Talkoo R.C.

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U.S. OPEN GOLF.

140 FIRST RATE COMPETITORS.

COMPSTON DOING WELL.

Matteson (Illinois), Yesterday.
On hundred and forty of the world's foremost golfers are competing in the American open championship.
The British challenger, Compston, broke the record for the number four in the course of practice with 69 yesterday and is a strong favourite.

The leading first-rounders are Leo Diegel (72) and Bobby Jones (73). Compston and Armour (holder) both returned 76.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ASCOT GOLD CUP.

AN OUTSIDER WINS.

FAVOURITE SECOND.

London, Yesterday.
The Gold Cup at Ascot races was won by Mr. Reid Walker's Invershin.
Monsieur de Alary's Finglas was second and Mr. Marshal Fields Cinquapunt third.
Price were 100-8, evens, 25-1.—*British Wireless Service.*

70 MILES A DAY.

ALL-INDIAN MARATHON RACE.

WONDER RUNNING.

Grants Pass (Oregon), Yesterday.
After averaging 70 miles a day for seven days Flying Cloud, a Karok Indian, won the 482 miles Indian marathon which started from San Francisco on June 14 with 29 Indian entrants.
The first prize is \$5,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITAIN BEATEN.

ITALY WINS DAVIS CUP ROUND.

THREE MATCHES TO NIL.

Falkstone, Yesterday.
Italy beat Britain by three matches to nil.
Morpurgo and Gaslini beat Eames and Crole Rees 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 9-7, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

BASEBALL.

FILIPINO LINE-UP AGAINST DRAGONS.

The following is the Filipino line-up in Sunday's game against the South China Dragons—Kusano, c.f.; T. Leonard, 1b; Hachiuma, c.; Zafra, p.; Murata, s.s.; J. Alvarez, 2b; D. Leonard, a. Alvarez, l.f.; Currem, 3b; Rull-Fernandez, r.f.
The pitcher, Zafra, has been laid up in bed for a couple of days, but should be fit to pitch on Sunday.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are—

Division I.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Craigengower C.C.	4	4	0	0	8
Talkoo R.C.	3	2	0	1	4
Kowloon Dock R.C.	4	2	0	2	4
Kowloon B.G.C.	4	2	0	2	4
Kowloon C.C.	3	1	0	2	2
Police R.C.	3	1	0	2	2
Civil Service C.C.	3	0	0	3	0

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Kowloon B.G.C.	265	223	48	0
Craigengower C.C.	254	214	40	0
Kowloon D.R.C.	247	244	3	0
Talkoo R.C.	175	176	0	1
Police R.C.	170	178	0	8
Kowloon C.C.	101	196	0	35
Civil Service C.C.	155	197	0	42

Division II.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
East Point R.C.	5	4	0	1	8
Kowloon B.G.C.	5	3	0	2	6
Civil Service C.C.	3	2	0	1	4
Talkoo R.C.	3	2	0	1	4
Recreio "A"	4	2	0	2	4
Craigengower C.C.	4	2	0	2	4
Recreio "B"	4	2	0	2	4
Kowloon C.C.	3	0	0	3	0
Yacht Club	3	0	0	3	0

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Kowloon B.G.C.	388	251	87	0
Craigengower C.C.	280	209	71	0
Civil Service C.C.	184	160	24	0
East Point R.C.	298	278	20	0
Talkoo R.C.	174	172	2	0
Recreio "B"	222	238	0	11
Yacht Club	182	195	0	68
Craigengower C.C.	199	239	0	40
Kowloon C.C.	188	223	0	80

LEAGUE TENNIS.

MID-WEEK MATCHES IN GREATER EVIDENCE.

RECREIO "B" SURPRISED.

With a view to bringing the league as much as possible up to date, mid-week matches have been greatly in evidence during the last few days.

The Chinese "A" added two more victories to their list. Playing away, they had little difficulty in accounting for their one-time rivals, the Indian R.C., and on home ground yesterday, the Kowloon C.C. could furnish no opposition against their strong combination.

Recreio "B" received a surprise on the H.K.C.C. courts. They suffered their first reverse, and what ever hopes they might have entertained of being able to finish up at the top of the league have now been greatly depreciated.

Last Saturday's Matches.
The Indian R.C. "A" team were indeed fortunate to be able to gain their first victory at the expense of the University. The latter had a very depleted side out, two of their best exponents in Dr. Tottenham and F. A. Redmond being engaged in an exhibition game at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

The "B" division matches all panned out much as expected. Some of the "C" league fixtures proved very interesting, especially the meeting between the Chinese R.C.-1 and Recreio-2. The Portuguese side did not expect to be able to run their hosts so close, eventually losing by the narrow margin of five games.

To-morrow's Games.
Of the thirteen matches on the card for to-morrow, the tie between the Club de Recreio and South China in the "B" league will attract considerable interest. Having already lost once, the Portuguese will go all out for victory. South China on the other hand, will be keen on preserving their undefeated record so that a very close game is expected.

"A" Division.

	P	W	L	Pts
Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C.	5	5	0	10
M.B.K. v. Royal Engineers.	3	2	1	4
Craigengower v. H.K.C.C.	3	1	2	2
Nippon v. Indian R.C.	4	1	3	2
Recreio v. South China.	4	1	3	2
University v. C.R.C.	4	1	3	2

"C" Division.

	P	W	L	Pts
Kowloon C.C. v. R.A.O.C.	5	5	0	10
South China v. Nippon.	4	4	0	8
K.R.M.Q. v. Chinese R.C.-1.	4	4	0	8
Indian R.C. v. Kowloon Indians.	4	4	0	8
Civil Service v. Recreio-2.	4	4	0	8
C.R.C.-2 v. Recreio-1.	4	4	0	8
R.A.M.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.	4	4	0	8

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Chinese R.C.	5	5	0	10
Hong Kong C.C.	4	3	1	6
M.B.K.	3	2	1	4
Craigengower C.C.	3	1	2	2
University	4	1	3	2
Indian R.C.	4	1	3	2
Kowloon C.C.	3	0	3	0

"B" Division.

	P	W	L	Pts
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	12
South China A.A.	4	4	0	8
Recreio	5	4	1	8
Hong Kong C.C.	4	3	1	6
Nippon	3	2	1	4
Indian R.C.	4	2	2	4
University	2	1	1	2
Engineers	2	0	2	0
Craigengower C.C.	4	0	4	0
M.B.K.	5	0	5	0
Kowloon C.C.	6	0	6	0

"C" Division.

	P	W	L	Pts
Chinese R.C.-1	5	5	0	10
Chinese R.C.-2	4	4	0	8
Kowloon C.C.	5	4	1	8
South China A.A.	3	3	0	6
Recreio-2	4	3	1	6
Civil Service C.C.	4	3	1	6
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	3	3	2	6
Hong Kong C.C.	3	2	1	4
R.A.M.C.	4	2	2	4
R.A.O.C.	6	2	4	4
Nippon	3	1	2	2
Y.M.C.A.	6	1	5	2
Recreio-1	4	0	4	0
Indian R.C.	4	0	4	0
Kowloon I.T.C.	6	0	6	0

PONY SALE.

PRICES AND NEW OWNERS.

WITHDRAWALS.

Following are details of the pony group held yesterday at the Jockey Club stables—

Aristophanes, grey, Mr. W. T. Stanton, \$25. May, grey, Mr. R. H. Charles, \$100. Fook Shau, roan, winner Sun Chun Plate, Mr. Mine (late Green Island), grey, F. Sutton, \$70. Seventh Heaven (late O.K. Fee), Woo Kee \$10. Pitchfork, black, Woo Kee \$10. Sugar Leaf, grey, Hong Kong sub, 1927, Woo Kee \$5. Tap Slat, dun, Mr. F. Sutton, \$20. Six Fuddled, grey, winner Oporto Handicap, C. Glass, not sold. Halo, chestnut, not sold. Diada (late May Hall, bay, Hong Kong, griffin 1928, Mr. rain the meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 5.30 p.m.

Little Darling, grey, Mr. on the same day.

OCEAN RACE.

47-YEAR-OLD SHIP'S NEW CHALLENGE.

A WINDJAMMER.

London, May 14.
The ocean race from Australia to Falmouth between two huge windjammers was concluded on Saturday night by the arrival of the Swedish four-masted ship "Beatrice," a magnificent vessel, 47 years old, built of steel, and carrying nearly 40,000 bags of grain.

She made the passage in 114 days, 18 days in excess of the time taken by the "Herzogin Cecilie," which arrived at Falmouth last month.

The race was the outcome of a challenge issued by Capt. H. Bruce, of the "Beatrice," who maintained that his vessel was faster than the ex-German craft. "Although I have been beaten," he declared, "I am still of the opinion that the 'Beatrice' is the faster ship. I will challenge the 'Herzogin Cecilie' again."

Capt. Bruce added that he had lost the race to England through sheer bad luck, having experienced a great deal of calm weather. Even when near the entrance of the English Channel he became becalmed on several days, and for a week his progress did not exceed 25 miles a day.

YOUNG RUSSIA.

BOLESHIEV FIGHT FOR RETENTION.

Riga.—M. Bukharin, president of the Communist International, reviewing the prospects of the Communists in Soviet Russia, said that the future of the Soviets depended on the result of the present very critical struggle between the workers and the class enemies to secure an influence over the youth of the country.

In the rural districts the Kulaks were rallying the discontented elements against Bolshevism. In the towns and villages the Church was again becoming a formidable opponent, attracting the best elements of youth, not only among the petite bourgeoisie, but also among the proletariat, by combating alcoholism, hooliganism, &c., thereby enormously increasing their adherents. M. Bukharin appealed to the youth of the country to avoid "such anti-Communist influences," and to fight drunkenness and hooliganism within their ranks themselves. "We must tear a leaf from the book of these religious opponents," he continued, "and include anti-alcoholism as a plank in our programme."

QUIETLY DONE.

SWALLOW'S ATLANTIC FLIGHTS.

Paris, May 10.
A swallow has been captured near Betz, according to the correspondent of the "Journal," with evidence of having flown across the Atlantic and back.

Last year a resident of St. Avola tied on to the bird the following message: "During the summer of 1927 I lived with A. R. at St. Avola, Moselle. Please give the new address where I have been staying during my absence."

A few days ago the swallow returned to A. R.'s house in possession of this message: "I have been staying with Joseph Bady, master cobbler, in the Isle of Martinique, and am charged by him with his most sincere greetings to mine old host."

R. H. Charles, \$55. Valour, chestnut, Woo Kee, \$5. Glenmer, grey, not sold. Fir Dee, dun, not sold. Bright Prospect (late Limonstone Hall), grey, Mr. K. Chun, \$400. Perpetual Motion, arrived recently from Shanghai, Mr. Rock, \$170. Black Cob mare, Mr. Schubert, \$300. Bashak, roan, Woo Kee, \$5. Tarzan, bought in at \$400. Wing Sen, grey, Hong Kong Sub, 1928, Cheung Wing-cho, \$20. Northern Stag, bought in at \$50. Seafrost, Mr. da Rosa, \$25.

Other ponies put up for auction which were withdrawn before the sale commenced were: Zircon-11, grey, Will Fellow, grey, winner Li Chun Plate, Spring Day, grey, Kiangwan Sub, 1928, Silver Mine (late Cherry Brandy), grey, Copper roan, winner Sun Chun Plate, Mr. Mine (late Green Island), grey, F. Sutton, \$70. Seventh Heaven (late O.K. Fee), Woo Kee \$10. Pitchfork, black, Woo Kee \$10. Sugar Leaf, grey, Hong Kong sub, 1927, Woo Kee \$5. Tap Slat, dun, Mr. F. Sutton, \$20. Six Fuddled, grey, winner Oporto Handicap, C. Glass, not sold. Halo, chestnut, not sold. Diada (late May Hall, bay, Hong Kong, griffin 1928, Mr. rain the meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 5.30 p.m.

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FROM NOTHING.

WOMAN WHO BECAME MILLIONAIRE.

BEGAN WITH \$7 10s.

London, May 11.
Mrs. Alice Foote MacDougall, millionaire head of a coffee company in New York, began her business life with \$7 10s. when she was left to support three small children.

She is now 60, and is one of the most successful business women in the United States, states the British United Press.

"If women are to succeed in the struggle for money-making, they must have imagination, flexibility, self-reliance, originality and a cold-critical view of one's own abilities and limitations," she explained.

"You must have imagination to know what the public wants. You must have flexibility so that you can meet those needs. You must have your own way of doing things—originality—instead of a weak dependence on some man who may 'put it over you.'"

"You must also have complete honesty towards yourself, so that you may know exactly what you can or cannot do."

"If you have these qualities, business for women is as easy as two and two make four. If you have not such qualities, then you muddle along and make a difficult task out of an easy one."

DO INSECTS HEAR?

MEANING OF FAMILIAR NOISES.

Have the familiar noises made by crickets and grasshoppers any meaning except as warning to the superstitious or as signs of summer to the wanderer by the countryside? Some fascinating experiments, made by Professor Regen, of Vienna, prove that they are also of high importance to the students of entomology.

That the cricket and the grasshopper possess a sense of hearing has always been very generally assumed by scientists. The organs of hearing were also believed to be the antennae, because the insects were observed to turn their antennae, roughly, in the direction of the noise that called them. At the time, indeed, when the presence was discovered of a curious drum membrane in the front legs just below the bend, it was at first thought that this was the organ of hearing. No experimental proof of this could, however, be found, and most men of science returned to the original assumption that the hearing faculty lay in the antennae.

Professor Regen has now brought new methods to bear on the problem. He took a species of grasshopper, the "thamnortizon apterus," which is conspicuous by the loudness of its chirp. Two males of this species, he found, will chirp in regular alternation to one another about 20 times, and then both pause. If he removed their drum membranes they could no longer carry on this alternating duet, however close they were to one another. If he removed only their antennae the alternation of sounds proceeded as perfectly as before. This established that the drum membrane was the organ of hearing.

Professor Regen further proved that this drum membrane was not merely attuned to sounds emitted by other members of the species. A male would make a regular response to a music string, a bell, various whistles, and even to the human "S" sound.

Still more interesting were Professor Regen's experiments to show the effect of the male sounds on the female, who is dumb. He selected for the purpose the female of the ordinary field grasshopper. Up to its sexual maturity the female lives in the ground at some distance from the male. How then do the male and female find one another? Observation proved that the female seeks out the male.

In order to settle the matter Professor Regen placed a male and a female so far apart as to eliminate the possibility of any influence by smell. He laid down a telephone, and found that the female approached the receiver when the male chirped into the transmitter. If he cut off the current the female no longer approached the receiver. This proved that the chirping of the male grasshopper is an integral element in the propagation of the species of grasshopper.

Washington, Yesterday.—Mr. Kellogg has invited all the Latin American Republics to participate in a Conference of Conciliation and Arbitration here on Dec. 10. Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Hughes will represent the United States. The Conference is the outcome of a resolution passed at the Pan-American Conference at Havana in February.

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SWEET BEAUTY.

ON FEMININE STAGE
CHARM.
A NEW U.S.A. ACTRESS.

[By Sydney W. Carroll.]

I am exercised critically by the presence amongst us of a young French-American actress. The young lady is called Claudette Colbert. A brunette of the blue-black order, large eyed, slim, modern and piquante, Claudette is remarkable for her talent, her sincerity and natural charm. Her success reminds me once more of the allegation that we have few real actresses in England. Is it true that we are short of feminine theatrical talent? I wonder. Perhaps the Public will answer me.

I have for my sins always been susceptible to the attractions of the opposite sex, whatever the age or figure, the nationality, the colour or the complexion. My recent visit to the Playhouse makes me mutely yearn to be vamped. I have eyes to wonder, but lack tongue to praise. This in spite of the fact that the present type of American stage heroine confuses me to the point of blushing. Her past is so confessedly lurid.

Wicked Heroines.

These American authors are now making their central figures (as in "The Trial of Mary Dugan") professional companions for unhappily married men or (as in "The Barker") "little tarts." In "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" a prolonged joke is made of the promiscuity and mercenary character of the gold-digger around whom the scanty plot drapes itself. Decidedly I must be no gentleman, for I prefer brunettes, at least, when on the stage—this one in particular. She is so young, vital and swift. Her dark charm appeals to me more than that of all the flaxen-haired, thin-voiced Loreleys of my acquaintance.

Ever since the days of Ada Rehan, American actresses old or young have had a fascination for me. Even when they send them over here, strangely old, monotonous, nasal or vulgar, they, as a rule, are so sincere, so energetic, so full of vitality, that they always make me sit up and take notice. They are not in the business as beauty specialists. They never loiter or pose or drape themselves exquisitely over the back of a seat. They furnish the stage, but exhibit no acute sensibility about the presence of the audience when doing so. Culturally and temperamentally they always seem to appreciate the demand of a part or a play and seem driven by the drama instead of attempting to lead it.

Young England.

Let us take a look over our London programmes. Here is the most wonderful of young English comedy actresses—Miss Evelyn Laye. What is she doing? A musical piece at the Piccadilly. At the Old Vic, very sensibly learning her business, is the most promising of our romantic young actresses—Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson.

At the Kingsway, still acting in sweet, old-fashioned "Marigold," is little Angela Baddeley, a girl with a strange tragic gift, always lovable—always highly intelligent. At the Savoy is beautiful Frances Doble, with much to learn but a more than promising artist. At the New you will find one of the most popular, clever, and earnest of English youngsters—Edna Best. Wasting her talent in American farce is graceful Cicely Byrne. You will find at the Comedy Jeanne de Casalis, and you can run your eyes with interest in other programmes over the names of Marjorie Mars, Norah Swinburne, Cicely Courtneidge, Dorothy Dickson, Winifred Shottor, Joan Barry, Kate O'Regan, Grizelda Hervey, Ursula Jeans, Gracie Fields, Olga Lindo, Gwen Frangon Davies, and ever so many more.

But you will search in vain for any terrific and passionate force in the actress, capable of electrifying and thrilling an audience almost out of its reason.

For simple realism, strenuous and passionate abandon the American woman seems to hold the field. Miss Tallulah Bankhead as an actress has many faults, but at least she is an actress—one of those fine first-rate stage animals whose antics are always worth watching. She is not half dead or dreaming. She is never a doll. Mr. St. John Ervine would never accuse her of being over "refined," either in speech or manner.

The Power of Youth.

Yes! There is nothing like youth and energy. Give me the girl on the stage who is great fun. I love the actress with a comic elude. Most of our young English women seem too intent on being young ladies first and actresses afterwards. The legitimate stage is no place for the glorified mannequin, or figurante. Some of our flappers wishful of sudden exaltation to fame in a night put on airs they doubtless consider suitable for the occasion, but which effectually disqualify them from "stardom." When she has nothing to say the average stage youngster appears to lose all interest and to have no part in the piece. With each cue she gives, her part in the performance ceases. Still—youth's vision may be made perfect in time.

It must, however, be admitted by their worst detractors that English actresses, whether young or old, strike usually a note of rare distinction and refinement. No other actress in the world can play the grande dame so well. From no other nationality can one expect such a first-class reproduction of the novice or the ingenue. Virtue has never had an exponent so convincing as the Englishwoman—"Daily Telegraph."

MUSIC AS CAREER.

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM AND
OUR PLAYERS.

"I have become for the moment not only the spokesman but also the champion of British music," said Sir Thomas Beecham, responding to the toast of "British Music" at a dinner of the Musicians' Club, London, at the Wharfedale Rooms.

All over the world, he said he found an entire disbelief in the musical potentialities of the country. In Paris there was no newspaper that knew the British had great orchestras and great choirs. Yet there were 4,000 choral societies in Britain—more than in the whole of Europe and the United States put together. Britain was continually turning out excellent players. What became of them? In Germany they would go into established orchestras and established opera houses. In Britain they went to cafes, restaurants, cinemas, and bands on the pier.

Such was the lot of hundreds of magnificent students turned out by their most excellent musical academies. What future provision did they make for these wonderful young people? None at all. They were left to go as fast as they could to the devil.

The young British singer of twenty years of age was just as gifted and had better musical brains than his confrere abroad, but he was in nothing but a blind alley. The goal of English students had to be the pier at Brighton or Margate.

The salvation of British music lay in combining and organising. His scheme for the saving of British opera comprised the accumulation of small forces. That club was fully capable of putting heaven into the almost immovable indigestible lump of British indifference.

"My scheme will be through," Sir Thomas declared. "It will go through after a fight, and it is a fight in which I invite you to be on the side of the angels. There is in this country an inferiority complex. For goodness' sake let us get it out of ourselves."

Sir Landon Ronald, who presided, announced that there were now over 1,000 members of the club.

IN THE DOLDRUMS.

HOME DRAMA AT A
DISCOUNT.

A DISMAL MONTH.

[By Sydney W. Carroll.]

London, May 24.
When the carp died in the clear water of the fountains of Versailles, Madame de Maintenon remarked, "They are like me. They regret their mud." The West-end theatre managers have been complaining bitterly lately of bad business. Many recent shows have had very short runs. The public, it is said, is becoming increasingly difficult to please. They have had too much mud, perhaps. In three weeks lately a dozen new plays were produced, and hardly one of them can be looked upon as a big success. The merry month of May has belied its name. Some managers blame the authors. They declare that no clever plays are being written. High rents are the cause of these frequent failures, says another manager; \$560 a week for rent would kill any legitimate drama. A farce at the Vaudeville ran for four nights, a comedy at the Royalty for five, the same theatre killing off another comedy in two. Even the name of Avery Hopwood, America's most lucrative playwright, failed to prolong "Our Little Wife" for more than a fortnight. That was a fortnight too long?

Rival Attractions.

Greyhound racing, daylight saving, the tennis court, the cheap hire-purchase motorcar, society dances, broadcasting, the cinema, dirt track racing, and ever so many more rival attractions have made the task of running theatres one of the most difficult and precarious—a bigger gamble than horse-racing. Yet, in spite of all these troubles, a London theatre has just changed hands at the figure of \$120,000, no theatres are closed, and the prospects of new theatres being built are spoken of right and left. What is the same man to make of the situation?—that is, if there are any sane men left in this world theatrical. But never forget—and here I fall asleep amid the sound of harmonious music—that there will always be a public for the very successful play.

The vogue of the moment, the sensation of the season, will never have to complain of empty seats. Money may not be so plentiful, except with the favoured few, but it is always forthcoming if the quality of the entertainment be of the highest popular standard. I am very interested to see one manager ascribing the apparent lack of present-day interest in the theatre to the prevalent craze for "small punting" on the Stock Exchange. The petty gambler who loses all his money or locks it up in speculation, it is contended, cannot spare the cash to take his fiancée and her relations, or it may be his wife and her relations, to theatre parties. There may be something in this. One cannot even die for nothing in London.

Half-Salary Plan.

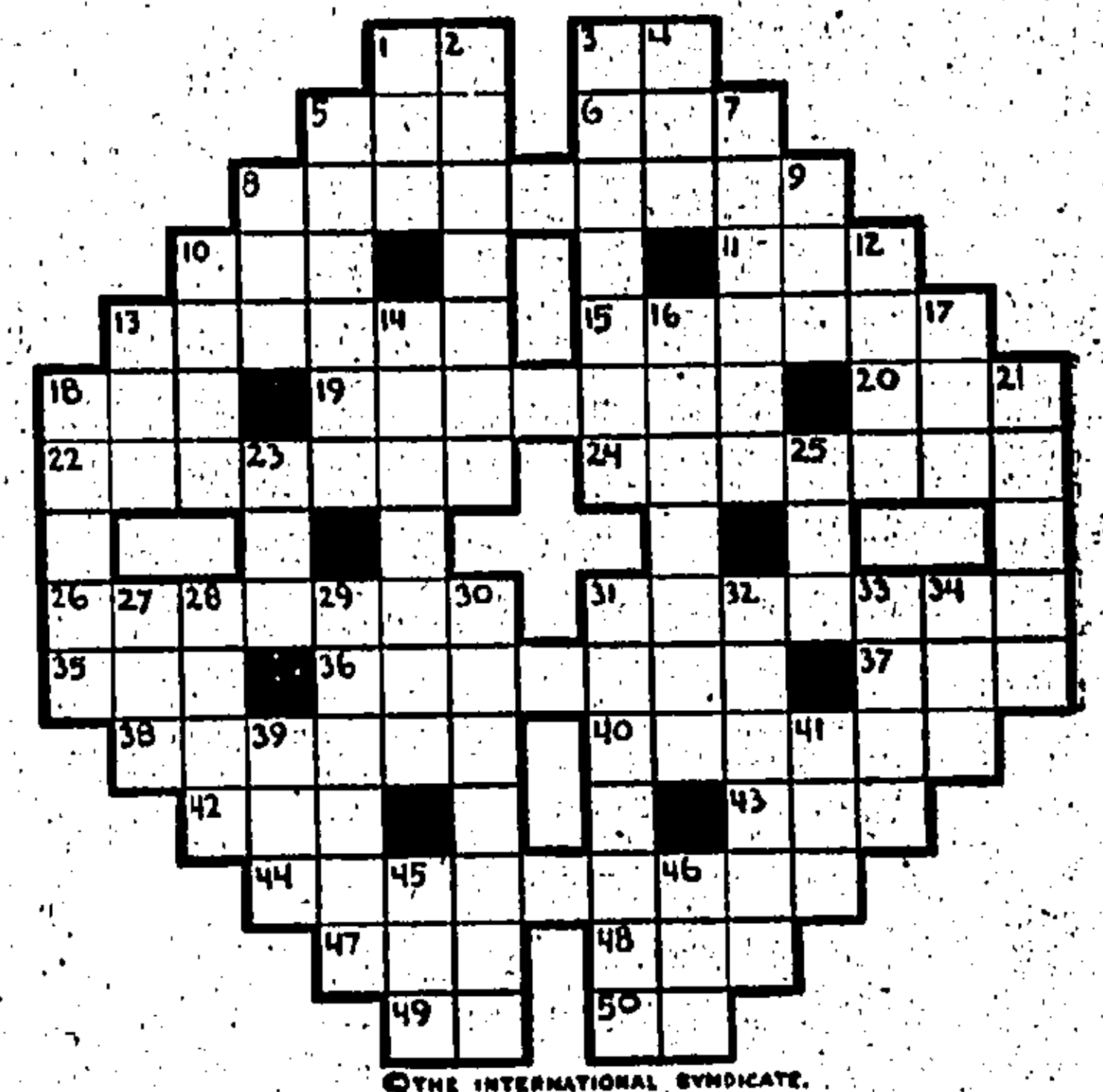
We hear of companies being paid half salaries to keep going. This is a dubious plan. It seldom does more than prolong the agony for a week or two. The prices of seats cannot be lowered because of rental arrangements and the conditions of the leases, but undoubtedly they are far too high for the nature of some of the entertainments offered.

I think that managers and theatre proprietors have done a lasting injury to the theatre by doing away with so many pits and galleries. The popular parts of the playhouse provide the backbone of theatre-goers. They should be made, as in cinemas, as comfortable as possible. It is the most shortsighted of policies to view with contempt the cheaper parts merely because they do not represent a big total in money when full. The pit and gallery provide enthusiasm, that quality without which no enterprise can greatly succeed.

The Piccadilly Theatre, London's latest playhouse, has no gallery

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.)



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HORIZONTAL

1-Professional man (abbr.)

2-In the year of our Lord (Latin-abbr.)

3-Social meeting for work

4-Slip

5-Accurately

6-Aged (Latin-abbr.)

7-Famous Florentine family

8-Keep

9-Perched

10-Lasson

11-Periods of time (abbr.)

12-Parasite

13-Overcome

14-French for urgent

15-Total

16-Placed at the beginning

17-Member of deer family

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

28-Come forth

40-S. American animal (pl.)

42-First name of the hero of "The Forty Thieves"

43-Queer (Provincial English)

44-Exploded loudly and suddenly

47-Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)

48-Humbly

49-Till sale (abbr.)

50-Prefix meaning in

(abbr.)

VERTICAL

1-Scottish river

2-Written acknowledgment

3-Made certain

4-Payable

5-Plated bands

6-Coats with metal

7-Seed covering

8-Affirmative

VERTICAL (Cont.)

10-Greek letter

12-A definite portion of duration

14-Inner roof of an apartment

16-Innocent

17-And not

18-Obtrusive

19-Pump

20-A month (abbr.)

21-French coin

22-Lament

23-Gli's name

24-Sweater

25-Holder of lilia

26-Substance remaining after oil is pressed out

27-Looked fiercely

28-A kind of cheese

29-Numbers (abbr.)

30-Old age (poet.)

41-Mire

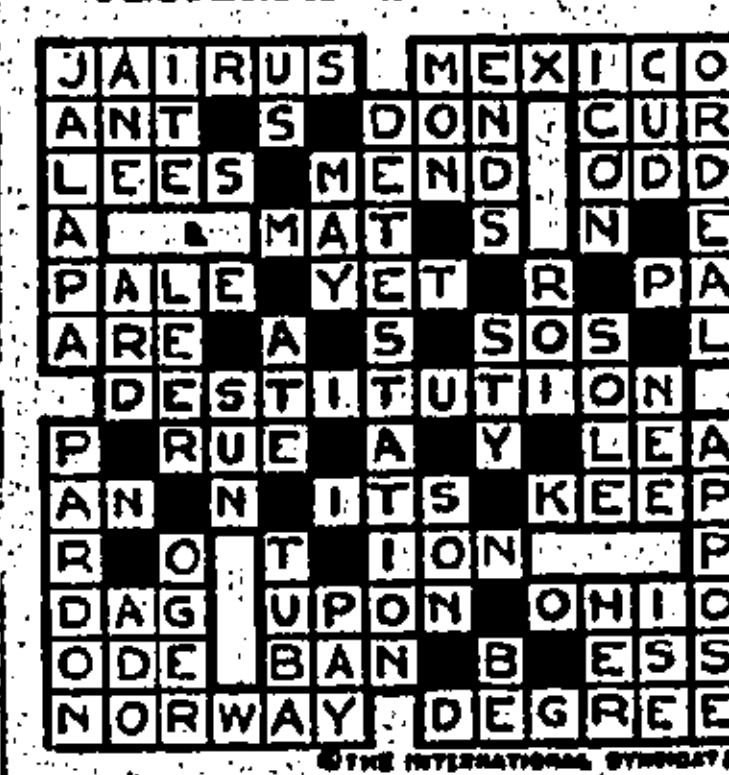
42-Explosive (abbr.)

43-Metal

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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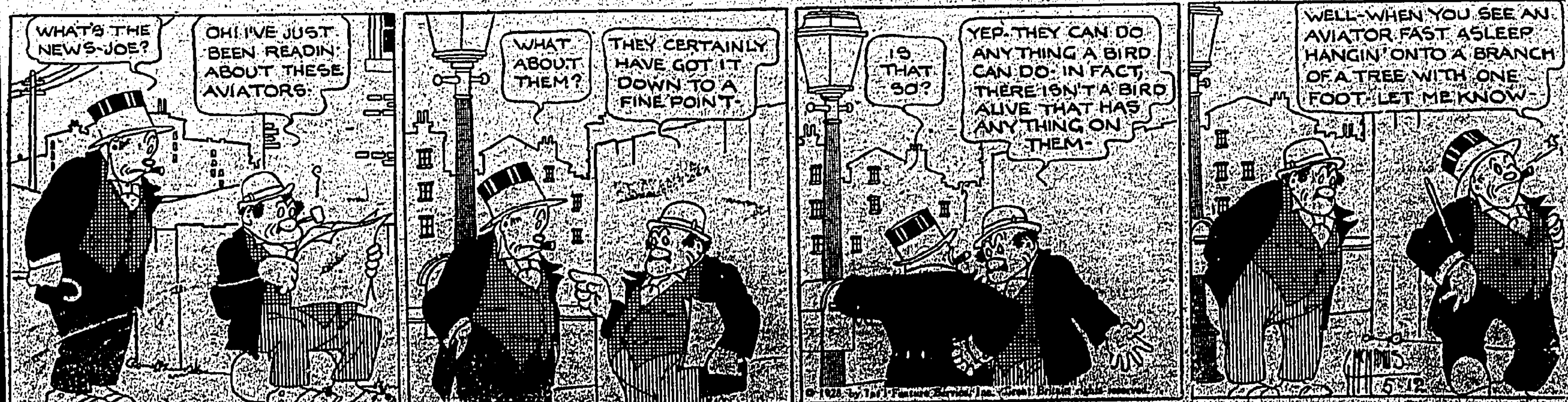
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London, May 16.
Passengers will be able shortly to leave New York by the west-bound evening train and arrive in Los Angeles, more than 3,000 miles away, on the second afternoon following—two days fewer than the present fastest time of four days. This result will follow the formation in the United States of a 5,000,000 dollar (\$1,000,000) company, which will inaugurate a combined rail and airplane service across the American continent. The formation was announced officially in New York last night by Mr. C. M. Kays, President of the Curtiss Airplane and Motor Company.

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(2) Airplane to St. Louis, Luncheon.

(3) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway overnight to a point in New Mexico.

(4) Airplane to Los Angeles. The transcontinental Air Transport plans later to inaugurate a number of auxiliary air services, which will feed the main east-west artery; and it hopes eventually to link up with a combined service of air and rail all the important cities in the United States.

MISSING WHITES.

STRANGE MURDERS IN
TRANSVAAL.

The correspondent of the "Chicago Tribune" wires:

Cape Town.—A series of extraordinary disappearances and violent deaths is causing considerable uneasiness amongst the white population in the vicinity of Barberton, in the Transvaal.

The strange occurrences began with the murder of a man named Jones a few months ago. Another man named Masters shortly afterwards met with a violent death; and now a well-known farmer named Tweedell is reported to have vanished completely.

Mr. Tweedell was last seen at his homestead on March 18, and the next day he was not to be found.

His bed was found not to have been slept in, and a shot gun which he always carried was missing. Search parties were organised and a hunt in the bush was made, but with no result. No letter or written document was left which would throw any light on the mystery.

A hundred yards away from the homestead runs a crocodile river which the natives in the vicinity worship. It is now believed that Mr. Tweedell was murdered and his body thrown to the crocodiles.

A year ago a native woman in the vicinity vanished, and it is believed she was flung to the crocodiles.

Major Williams, another settler living two miles away, was discovered shot in his home some months ago. The white population believe that all these recent occurrences mean that the natives have organised a secret vendetta.

As an instance of the unrest spreading through the native territories here, a native named Mackay has recently been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for inciting hostility between the white population and the natives.

Mackay had been in the habit of touring the native territories, preaching a story that King George had written to General Smuts, from Buckingham Palace, informing him that he had given South Africa to the Americans, and that the Premier, General Hertzog, had opposed a scheme for organising the country against an American invasion.

Mackay urged the natives to join the American forces who, he said, would arrive in aeroplanes.

The Canton Students' Joint Union has petitioned the Canton Government for permission to organise propaganda squads from their membership, pointing out that they were allowed to do so in 1926.

WHAT MAKES BABY CRY.

Babies need a certain amount of crying to develop their lungs. Experienced mothers know this, and also can tell when its cry means that baby is hungry, thirsty, uncomfortable, or simply in a temper.

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CARS COLLIDE.

LUCKY ESCAPE ON THE
MORRISON GAP-ROAD.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.

On the Morrison Gap-road incline, near the Monument at Happy Valley, a collision occurred yesterday between an Austin motor car driven by Mr. J. Ralston, and a public motor car. In the car with Mr. Ralston at the time was his wife. Mr. Ralston's car was ascending the incline, when at the junction of Stubbs-road, the public vehicle which was going in the opposite direction collided with the smaller car. The cause of the accident is not clear. Mr. Ralston was lucky to sustain only superficial injuries, whilst Mrs. Ralston, although badly shaken, escaped unhurt. The driver of the public car also escaped injury.

STUDENT LABOUR.

FRANCO-BRITISH EXCHANGE
AGREEMENT.

Paris.—A Franco-British agreement dealing with the exchange of labour was signed at the Ministry of Labour by M. Andre Fallieres, Minister of Labour, and representatives of the British Ministry of Labour.

The arrangements provide for the entry into France and Great Britain every year of 500 "student" employees. These are young people preparing to begin their careers in life and anxious to visit foreign countries to perfect their knowledge of the language. The arrangement provides for those who have not sufficient means without combining some remunerative employment with their studies.

The procedure which such young people will have to follow to take employment in either country will be greatly simplified, but Ministry of Labour permits will still be required on either side.

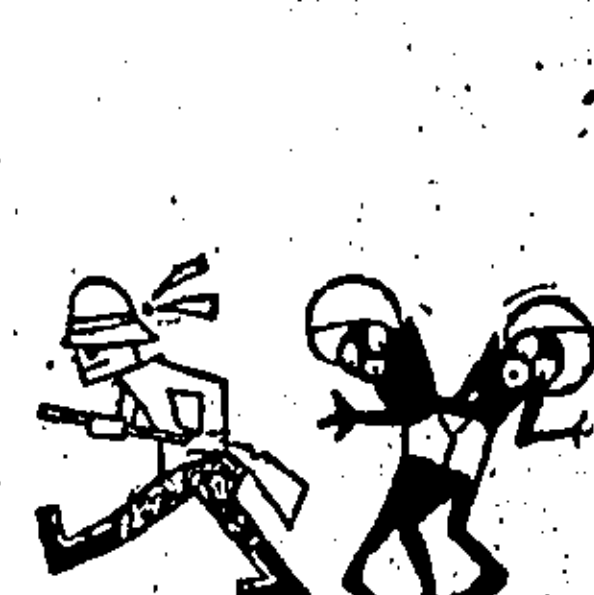
Practically all that will be necessary will be for an employer of labour in either country to point out that it is essential for him to have certain employees of his own nationality and a permit will be granted.

British employees in France who have on various occasions hitherto found difficulty in returning to France after a holiday at home will no longer be questioned on their return.

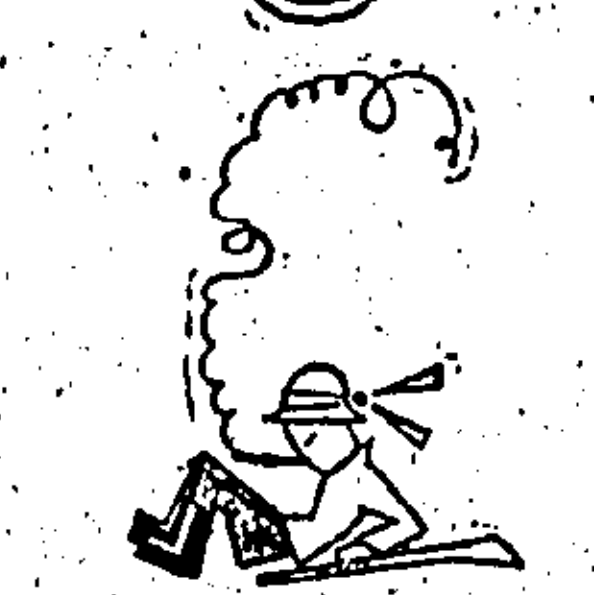
Along two of the most important trunk roads in Canton city, tram rails are being laid, says the "Canton Gazette." These are the Yat Tak-maloo and the Tai Hon-maloo.

A sudden squall at the city of Yungkee, in the silk district of Shuntak, on the West River delta, caused the collapse of a number of houses.—Our own correspondent.

After Big Game!



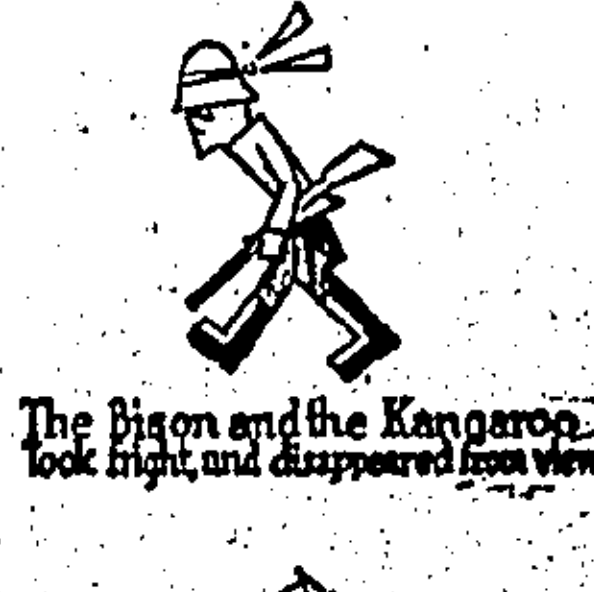
Whenever Captain Nimrod tore to hunt big game in Chotapore



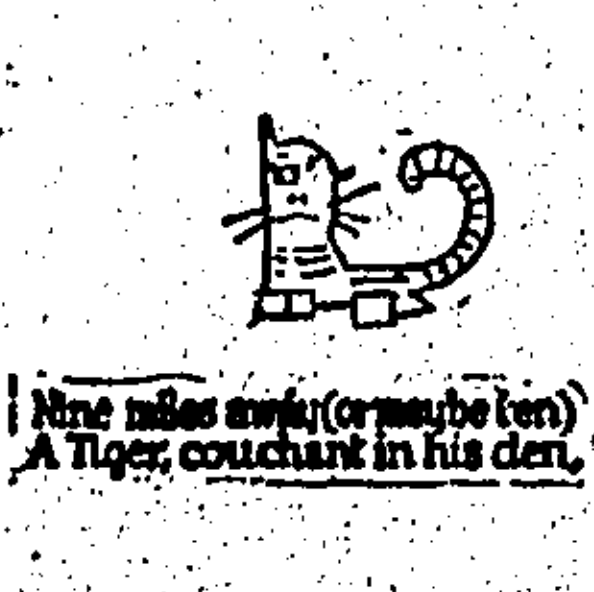
Until his sorrows soothed by this He fell into a dream of bliss.



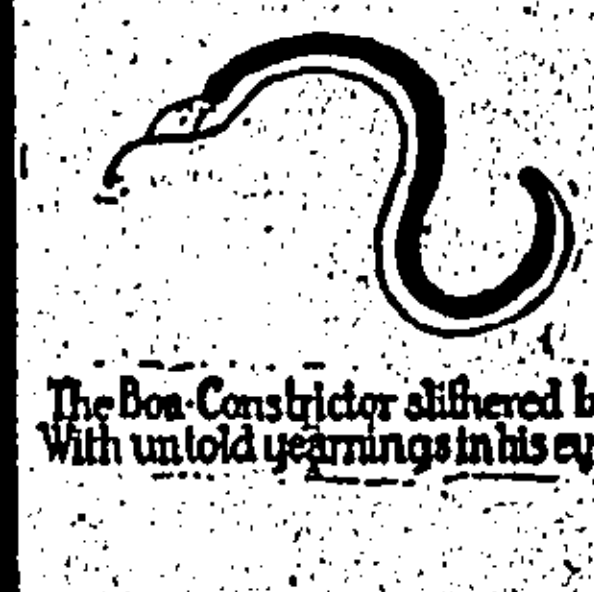
The Elephant and Crocodile Moved after him with happy smiles.



The Lion and the Kangaroo look right and disappeared from view.



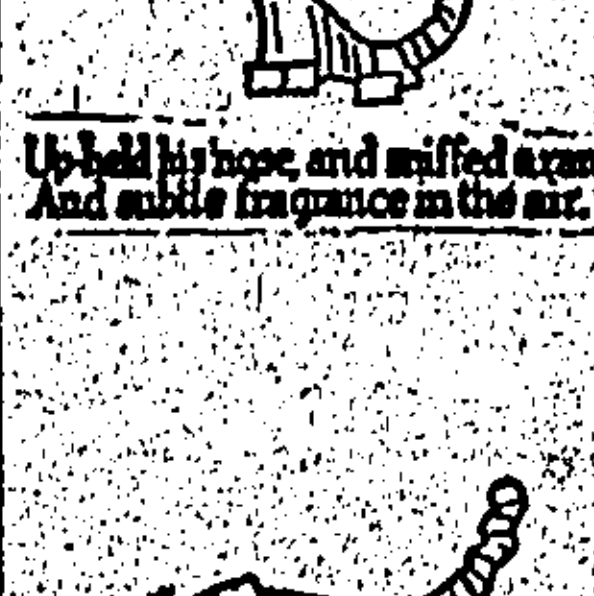
Nine miles away (or maybe ten) A tiger, couchant in his den.



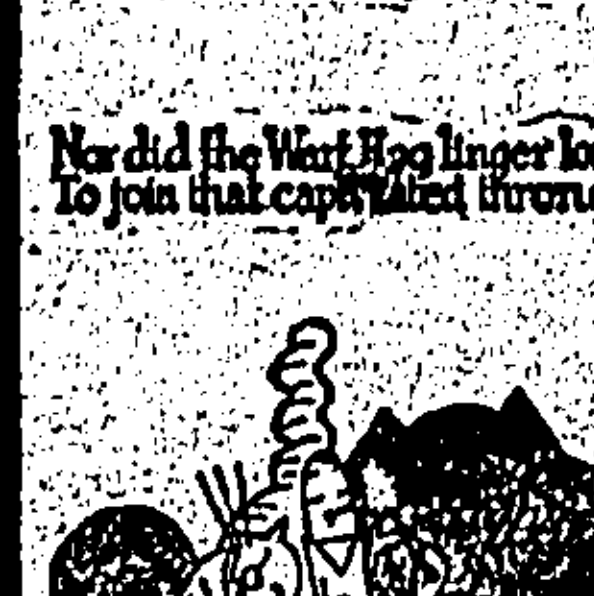
The Boe Constructor suffered by With untold yearnings in his eyes.



The fish and the Fish Head-Smelt Had behind Cactus loots in hand.



Up held his nose and sniffed around And subtle fragrance in the air.



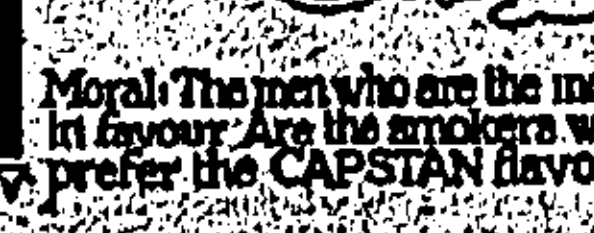
Now did the West Egg finger long To join that capstan during.



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Straits	SATURDAY, JUNE 23.	Yuen Sang
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Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	
MONDAY, JUNE 25.		
Straits	Atsuta Maru	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	
Manila	President Jackson	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mirzapore	
FRIDAY, JUNE 29.		
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	
SATURDAY, JUNE 30.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk	
MONDAY, JULY 2.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President McKinley	
TUESDAY, JULY 3.		
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	FRIDAY, JUNE 22.	Per
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Sui Yang	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st July. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (June 23rd) 9 a.m. Letters (June 23rd) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (June 23rd) 9.45 a.m. Letters (June 23rd) 10.30 a.m.	Ranpura	
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SATURDAY, JUNE 23.		
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Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Namsang	
Haiphong	Tonkin	1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Pao Sek	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Wai Shing	2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Caravellas	3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Taft	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Yumsang	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 24.		
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Rhein	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwongchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 25.		
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

REVELATIONS FROM CALCUTTA.

WHOLESALE THEFT.

INSURANCE AND SHIPPING CO.'S BIG LOSSES.

SCANDALOUS AFFAIR.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
Startling revelations of conspiracy to commit systematic thefts from steamers in docks were made by the Public Prosecutor, in opening the case against 48 accused including several prominent Indian business men.
He declared that for years past insurance and steamship companies had suffered enormous losses as a result of thefts and the police had discovered a number of godowns where goods were carried out at night and stored until disposed of by receivers.
A number of port police and members of the staff of the Port Commissioners had been in the pay of a gang of thieves.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET.

LEFTISTS DISPLEASED WITH APPOINTMENTS.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Chamber met in a tense atmosphere in consequence of rumours of an imminent Cabinet crisis arising owing to dissatisfaction in the "Right," which furnishes the bulk of the Government's National Union majority, with the appointments of the chairman of commissions.
The "Leftists" complain that preference has been given to "Leftists" in these appointments.
M. Poincare, looking alert and cheerful, decided immediately to address the house. He went straight to the point, asking if they wanted a change of government, but to wait at least till next week after the financial stabilisation had been adopted.

The Coinage.
Although there is no question of resuming the issue of gold coinage after the projected stabilisation of the franc it is understood that the Bank of France is contemplating an issue shortly of silver coinage to replace the existing five, ten and twenty franc notes.

Unpopular Agreements.

M. Poincare in a speech of 3½ hours, said that he had come to the conclusion that revalorisation would entail grave disorganisation of the national trade and industry. Twenty per cent. revalorisation would mean a loss of ten milliards of francs on the foreign exchange bought by the Bank of France. He refuted the idea that stabilisation would necessarily involve a rise in the cost of living. With regard to inter-allied debts he declared that there was no question of ratifying the Caillaux-Churchill and Berenger-Mellon Agreements without reservation. (Loud and general cheers).—Reuter.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE LATEST SPLIT IN THE LABOUR RANKS.

LABOUR PARTY'S COMMENT.

London, Yesterday.
The newspapers give prominence to the manifesto issued by Mr. Cook.
They point out that it means the linking up of two separate revolts within the Labour movement, Mr. Maxton (representing the political section) being discontented with the political Labour Party and regarding the Labour General Election programme, which is now being drafted, as tepid; whilst Mr. Cook claims to represent the Trade Union rebellion against the Trade Union Congress and its policy of discussion with employers with a view to promoting industrial peace.
The Labour Party's view of the letter is expressed by the "Daily Herald," which describes it as "neither logical, consistent nor helpful"—Reuter.

Kansas City, Yesterday.—Tornadoes and floods in Oklahoma and parts of Kansas have killed twelve persons. Damage is estimated at \$45,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

THE "JERVIS BAY'S" MESSAGES.

"GOING WELL."

CAPTAIN REPORTS STOWAWAYS UNDER CONTROL.

COLOMBO ON MONDAY.

London, Yesterday.
Previous to receiving the S.O.S. from the "Jervis Bay," the "Enterprise" received a message:—
"Situation serious. Ask for earliest removal of eight men who are under hatches but dangerous. Mutiny and incendiarism have been attempted. Passengers are alarmed. Constant guard is kept on men by volunteer passengers. Speedily assist me. Am due Colombo Monday morning."

Relief Party.

The relief party despatched on the "Slavol" comprises a boarding party of twenty marines under Lieutenant Whitfield.
It was conjectured in London that the trouble on the "Jervis Bay" might be connected with the transfer of the Commonwealth Line to the White Star Line.

A.P.C. SHIP ATTACKED.

Hankow, Yesterday.
The Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s s.s. "Tienkwang," whilst steaming on the Upper Yangtze River, was fired at near Anping, where other British merchant ships have been attacked recently.
Armed guards on the "Tienkwang" returned the fire.—British Naval Wireless.

wealth Line to the White Star Line, and the crew's objection to accepting the conditions of the United Kingdom Register. This is the "Jervis Bay's" last voyage under the Commonwealth Flag.
It is now learned that the trouble arose a few days ago at Esperance Bay during the last trip under the old flag. Passengers complained of the incivility of the crew, who threw a piano overboard.

Manager's Messages.

Sydney, Yesterday.
The efforts of the manager of the Commonwealth Line to communicate wirelessly with the "Jervis Bay" have hitherto proved abortive.

H.M. "Slavol" to Intercept.

London, Yesterday.
The Admiralty announces that the oiler "Slavol" left Trincomalee at 7 p.m. on June 21 to intercept the "Jervis Bay."

Sir J. Larkin, Chairman of the Commonwealth Line, stated that the master's message in reply to the message sent to him stated that disconcerting reports were being published and asked him to telegraph. He added that the S.O.S. messages had apparently been sent as a precautionary measure when Captain Daniels had not been sure how the situation would develop.

The Commonwealth Line has received, via Perth, the following wireless message from the master of the "Jervis Bay":—

"Everything going well stowaways under my safe control expect arrive Colombo Monday morning."

Alarming Stories.

Colombo, Yesterday.
The "Jervis Bay" mutiny is regarded as lending significance to Mr. Gardiner's speech cabled on June 13.

It is considered possible that the crew have either joined the stowaways in resisting the officers or have refused to guard the stowaways. The agents of the owners have not received any news from the liner but it is known that when the ship called at Melbourne on the present trip the crew threatened to strike on the arrival at Hobart unless they were repatriated to Australia by passenger steamer.—Reuter.

"Jock" Gardiner's Threat.

Following is the Reuter cable referred to:—
(Sydney, June 13.—The well-known trade unionist "Jock" Gardiner has been arrested under the State Crimes Act on the charge of wilfully inciting murder following a speech he made relating to the marine cooks' strike, wherein he is alleged to have said: "If scab cooks man the vessels our own tactics may change. We may supply Union men even though the scabs are aboard. Scabs will not be good sailors; they have to go to the railings occasionally and may lose their balance, in which case the sea is deep and dead men tell no tales."

THE AMUNDSEN MYSTERY.

STILL NO NEWS.

STATIONS LISTENING-IN DAY AND NIGHT.

RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS.

Rome, Yesterday.
The "Citta di Milano," replying to a request from the Italian Legation, states that she has heard nothing about Amundsen and Guibaud. No wireless signals have been received from their seaplane.
A message from Paris states that the Minister of Marine has ordered the cruiser "Strasbourg" and the gunboat "Quentin Roosevelt" to proceed to Spitzbergen and seek for Guibaud and Amundsen.

Paris, Yesterday.

The "Strasbourg" and "Quentin Roosevelt" mentioned earlier and now at Cherbourg and Oslo respectively.

No News.

Oslo, Yesterday.
Still no news of Amundsen although wireless stations in the north of Norway have been listening day and night for messages from his seaplane.

The Ministry of Defence has ordered the cruiser "Tordenskjold" to leave Horten immediately in search of Amundsen.

The "Tordenskjold" carries a seaplane which will be used in reconnaissance flights between Norway and Spitzbergen.

The two Norwegian airmen who are engaged in the attempt to rescue Noble have been ordered to search for Amundsen's seaplane on the west coast of Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

The Norwegian Ministry of Defence has ordered the Government steamer "Michael Sars," now lying between Spitzbergen and Norway to proceed eastwards in search of Amundsen and Guibaud.

The latter's disappearance has been reported to the Russian ice-breaker "Malguin" now nearing Spitzbergen from Archangel.—Reuter.

RAILWAY SMASH.

OCCURS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND TULA.

4 KILLED: 14 INJURED.

Moscow, Yesterday.
Four passengers were killed and 14 injured by the derailling of an express train from Sebastopol, between Moscow and Tula.—Reuter.

JAPAN & CHINA.

A POLITICAL PARTY'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Minseitō Party is issuing a statement regarding its attitude toward Chinese affairs. It doubts the wisdom of the despatch of troops to Shantung and considers the Government doubly blameworthy as it failed to protect the Japanese despite the action taken. Referring to Manchuria, the statement emphasises that Japan does not intend to alter her status but hopes the Government will do their utmost to safeguard Japanese right and interests.—Reuter.

GREEK STRIKES.

WORKERS DECIDE TO STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING.

Athens, Yesterday.

While it is anticipated that an agreement will shortly be reached between the tobacco workers and employers, the labour situation has worsened owing to the decision of the meetings of the railway employees, electricity and gas workers to strike without warning.—Reuter.

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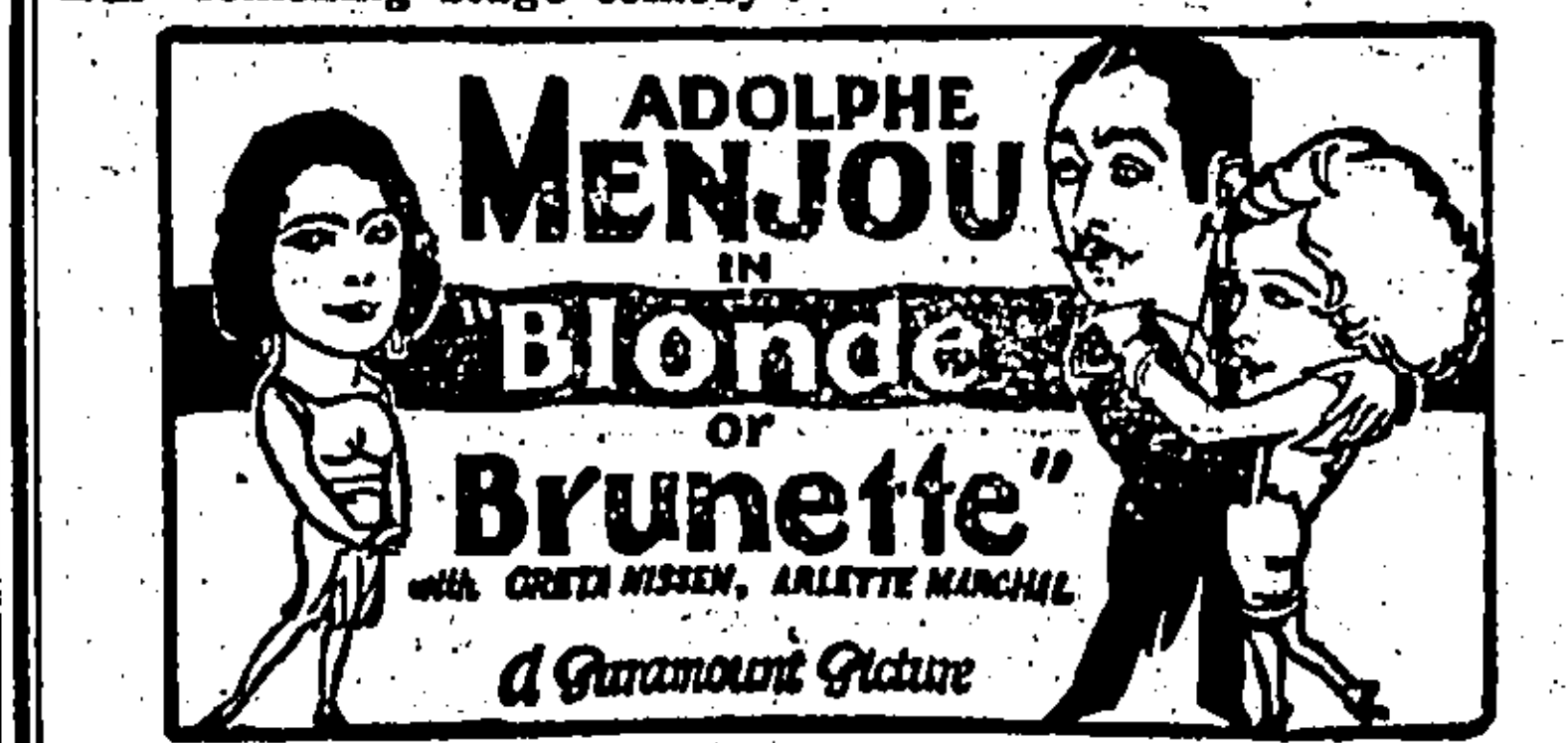
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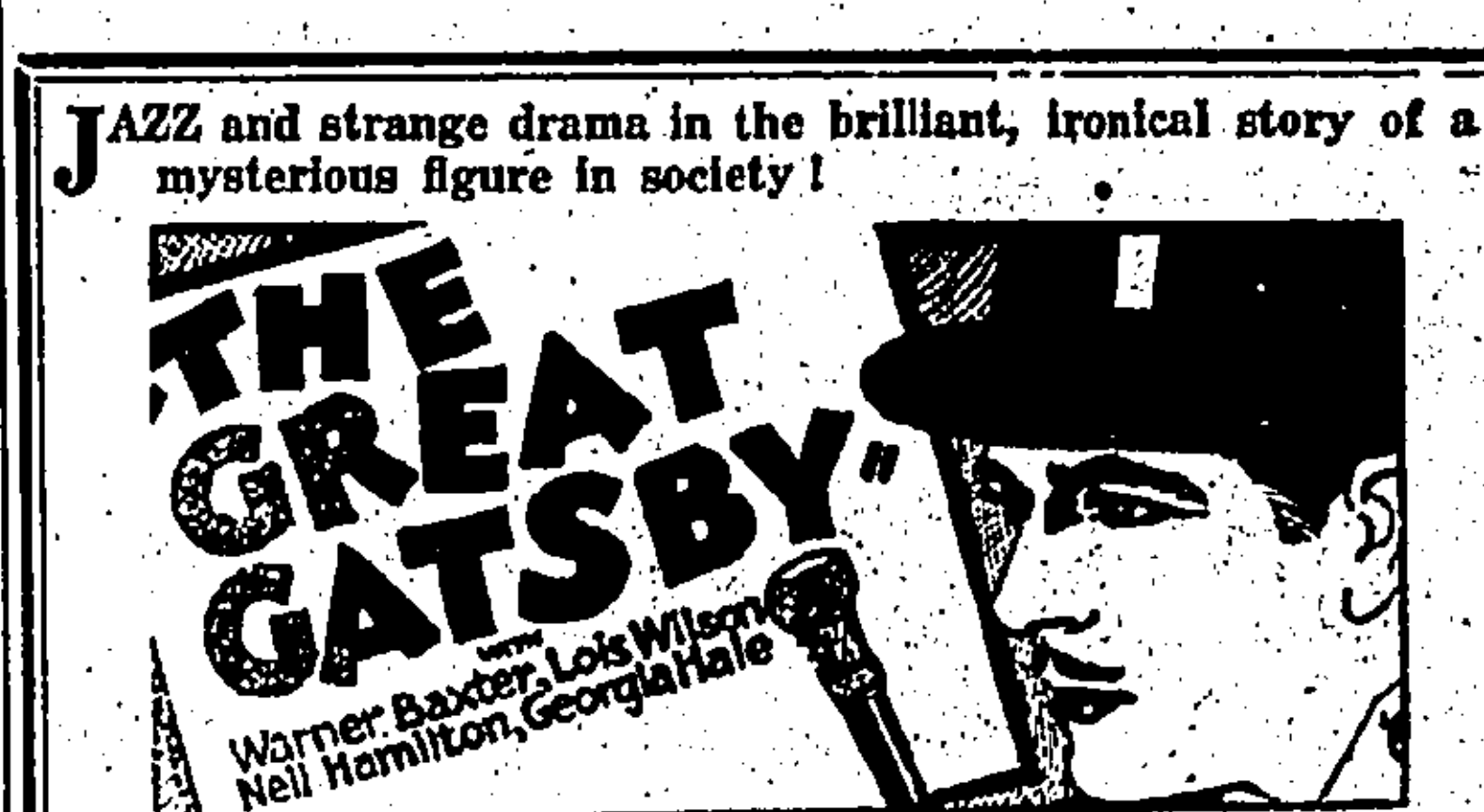


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